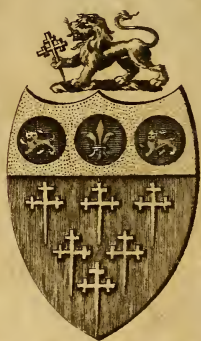




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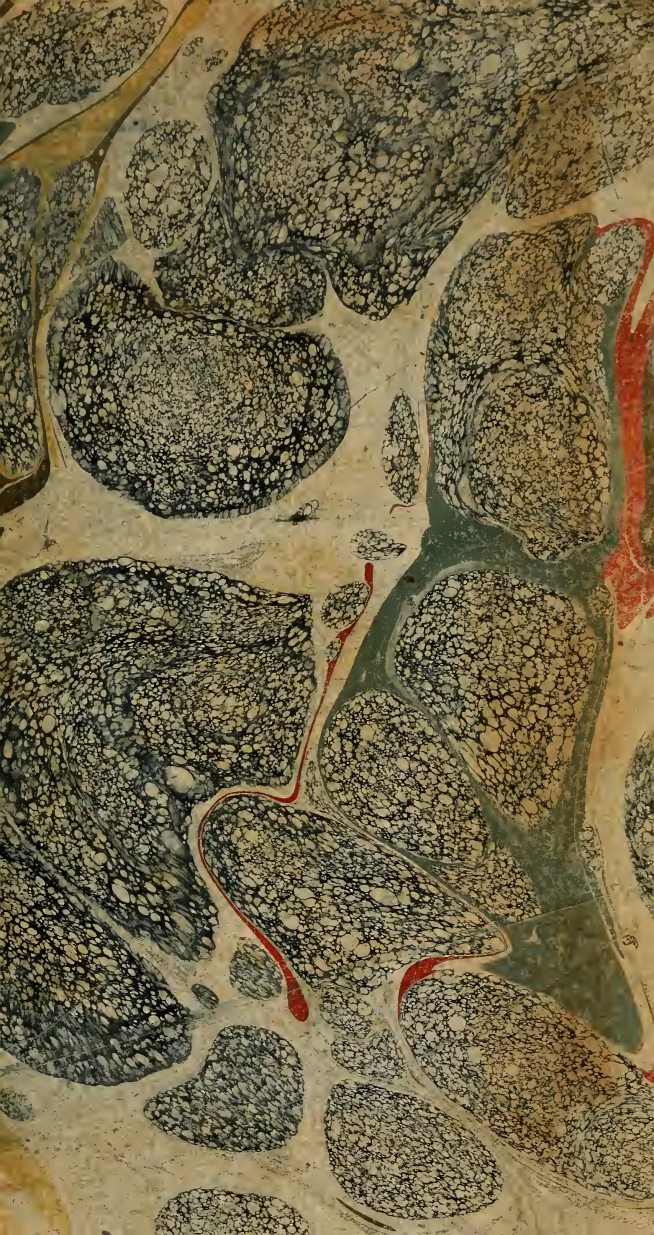
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OF THE COMMON INTEGUMENTS.

THE CUTICLE.

**T**HE *Cuticle*, *Epidermis*, or *Skarf-Skin*, is a thin semi-transparent insensible Membrane, which covers the Skin, and adheres to it by small Vascular Filaments.

The Cuticle is readily *separated* from the Cutis by boiling water, or by putrefaction, and in the living body, by the application of blisters.

It is not every where of the same *density*, being even in the Fœtus, thickest in the Palms and Soles; in which parts, the thickness is afterwards much increased by pressure.

The *External Surface* is marked by *Furrows*, which correspond with those in the Cutis Vera.

Upon the Surface of the Body it is *perforated* by the termination of the Exhalent Vessels,—which throw out the Perspirable Matter, and which, when increased, is considered by most of the modern Physiologists, as forming the Sweat;—by the ends of the Excretory Ducts, which are found in particular parts of the Skin;—by the beginnings of the Absorbents, which take in certain Substances applied to the Surface of the Skin; and—by the different Hairs.

The *Perforations*, or *Pores*, are most evident upon the

Palms and Soles, and upon the Nose, Ears, and external parts of Generation.

The Cuticle *covers* the Skin through its whole extent, excepting under the Nails.

From the External Surface of the Body, it is *reflected inwards*, to line the large Passages; as the Alimentary Canal, the Trachea, the Urethra, Vagina, &c.

In these Passages, however, the Cuticle becomes less uniform in its texture; and in some of them, as in the *Stomach*, is either wanting, or is so much changed in structure, as to have the appearance of being so.

From the Surface of the Cuticle, certain *Processes* are sent into the Skin, which line the Passages by which the Cutis is perforated.

Many opinions have been advanced concerning the *origin* of the Cuticle:—the latest and most probable is, that it is formed by a condensation of the Corpus Mucosum, or by the Extremities of Excretory Vessels;—its density, however, is such, that no Vessels can be traced in it, either by the Eye or by the assistance of glasses.

The Cuticle serves to protect the sensible parts under it; and to regulate the proportion of the Fluids thrown out or taken in by the Surface of the Skin;—particularly to prevent too great a degree of evaporation.

#### CORPUS MUCOSUM.

The *Corpus Mucosum* has been commonly called *Rete Mucosum*, from the supposition that it is formed of a *Mucous Net work*, and is situated under the Cuticle which it connects to the Cutis Vera.

It is *composed* of the terminations of extremely minute Vessels passing between the Cutis and Cuticle, which are surrounded by a Mucilaginous or Viscid Substance, properly called *Corpus Mucosum*.

It is the chief cause of that *variety of colour* which characterises the natives of different climates, and different people of the same climate, being white, or rather of a light-gray semi-transparent colour in the European, black in the Ethiopian, brown in the Asiatic, &c.

It is *thicker* and *stronger* in the Negro than in the white person, and can be readily separated in the former into two Layers.

It covers every part of the Surface of the Cutis, excepting below the Nails, where it is wanting; and is  
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of such a light colour in the Palms and Soles of the Negro, as to have been supposed by some authors to be deficient there also.

Its *origin* has not yet been sufficiently ascertained, nor is it fully determined what particular purposes it serves.

Among other purposes, however, it contributes to preserve the structure of the tender Vessels, Ducts, and Papillæ, placed between the Cutis and Cuticle; and in the Negro, it is supposed to serve as a defence against the heat of the climate, by preventing the rays of the Sun from penetrating the Skin.

### CUTIS VERA.

The *Cutis Vera*, or *Skin*, properly so called, lies immediately under the Corpus Mucosum, and gives a general covering to the whole Body.

It is *formed* of Fibres intimately interwoven, and running in every direction, and is so plentifully supplied with Nerves and Blood-Vessels, that the smallest puncture cannot be made in any part of it, without occasioning pain and bringing Blood.

The *Blood-Vessels* of the Cutis are so numerous, as to appear to form almost the whole of its Substance, and are of such a size as to be readily injected.

It is strong and elastic, and may be elongated in every direction, after which it recovers its former dimensions.

It forms the body of the Skin, and is that part in Quadrupeds of which Leather is made.

The *outer part* of it is dense and firm, the inner loose, and gradually degenerating into the common Cellular Substance.

It is thicker and looser on the posterior than on the anterior part of the Body, and thicker and firmer in the Palms and Soles than in the other parts of the extremities.

The *colour* of the Cutis also differs in different parts of the body, in proportion to the quantity of Blood in the extreme Vessels, and to the thinness of the Cuticle.

At the *edge of the Eye-lids*, the *red part of the Lips*, and *margin of the Anus*, the Cutis becomes so immediately and remarkably thin, as to appear to be lost.

Upon the Surface of the Cutis, *small Eminences* are observed, called *Papillæ*, *Papillæ Nervosæ*, and *Papillæ Pyramidales*; the term being borrowed from the *Papillæ* of

the Tongue, which were first discovered, and to which the name is most applicable.

They are considered as forming the Organ of Touch, from their being extremely sensible; and from their being very Vascular, they are also regarded as furnishing a passage to part of the Perspirable Matter.

The *Papillæ* are most evident in the Palms and Soles, where they are placed in double rows upon the ridges, which on the points of the Fingers and Toes, generally run in a somewhat spiral and parallel direction.

The *Ridges* are supposed to defend the *Papillæ*, and to increase the Surface for Perspiration.

In some places, as in the red part of the Lips, the *Papillæ* are termed *Villi*, from their resemblance to the pile of Velvet.

Various kinds of *folds* are observed in the Skin; some depending upon the form of the Cellular Substance, as in the Hips; others on Muscular Contraction, as in the Fore-head; and others on Articular Motion, as at the Joints of the extremities,—particularly those of the Fingers and Toes;—and these folds are thinner than the rest of the Skin, to allow easy motion.

In an *inflamed Skin*, as in the case of Small-pox, a Reticular Texture of Vessels is observed, which can be easily injected, and has been considered by some as the Corpus Mucosum, and by others as an additional Cuticle;—but no such appearance is to be met with in the sound Skin.

The *Cutis Vera* serves to cover and give form to the Body, it unites the different parts, and defends them from injury. It forms the External Organs of Sensation or of Touch, and gives passage to the Fluids which are Perspired or Absorbed.

## APPENDAGES OF THE SKIN.

### NAILS.

The *Nails* were formerly regarded as a continuation of the *Papillæ* of the *Cutis*, but are now more generally considered as a continuation of the Cuticle.

They are removed along with it by boiling water, or by maceration.

Like

Like the Cuticle also, they are insensible, are renewable after having been separated, and have no evident Vessels.

They differ from it, however, in structure, being formed of *Plates*, and these of *Longitudinal Fibres*, which are closely compacted.

They begin by a square root, a little before the last Joint of the Fingers and Toes.

When separated from the Skin, they are *transparent* like Horn, but are coloured in the living Body by the Vessels of the Cutis, to which they adhere, and from which they derive their nourishment.

They are fixed at their roots to a *semilunar fold* of the Cutis, and are there covered by a reflection of the Cuticle, which firmly adheres to them.

They grow from the roots, and not from the points.

The nails strengthen and defend the ends of the Fingers and Toes, and thereby serve as Buttresses.

In the Fingers they increase the power of apprehension, being useful in laying hold of minute objects.

#### HAIRS.

The *Hairs* arise by roots or bulbs, which are situated in the Cellular Substance under the Skin.

The *Bulbs* are of various shapes in different parts of the Body, and have Blood-Vessels dispersed upon them for their nourishment.

Each of the Bulbs has *two Membranes*, or *Capsules*, containing an Oily Fluid between them, which gives colour to the Hair, and for want of which, as in advanced life, or in certain diseases, the Hair is supposed to change its colour, and become white. It may be remarked, however, that the Hair, after being cut off, continues uniformly to preserve its colour.

The body of the Hair consists of smaller hairs inclosed in a Membrane, and is somewhat of the nature of the Nails. Like them also, it grows only from the root.

The *use* of the Hair is not yet fully known.—It serves in general for the ornament, warmth, or protection of the different parts on or near which it is placed.

#### SEBACEOUS

## SEBACEOUS DUCTS OR FOLLICLES, AND MILIARY GLANDS.

The *Sebaceous Follicles* derive their name from the Fluid they contain becoming like Suet, after acquiring a certain degree of consistency, or being inspissated by stagnation.

They are seated under the Cutis, and are found in greatest abundance in those parts which are exposed to the air, or to attrition; as in the Nose, Ears, Nipples, Groins, and external Parts of Generation.

The *Sebaceous*, or *Miliary Glands*, are so called from their contents, and from their resemblance to *Millet Seeds*, and are seated in the Axilla.

Other Miliary Glands are described by Authors as being placed under the Skin over the whole Surface of the Body, and as serving for the secretion of Perspirable Matter;—but they are not demonstrable to such a general extent; and the Sweat is considered as being derived from another source.

These Follicles and Glands secrete a Fluid which serves to lubricate the Skin, and defend it from the inclemency of the weather, or from the effects of friction.

## MEMBRANA CELLULARIS, OR TELA CELLULOSA, OR RETICULAR, OR CELLULAR SUBSTANCE.

This is generally considered as one of the Integuments, though common to these and to the other parts of the Body.

It is *composed* of a fine web, formed of many Membranes joined irregularly together, and these made up of Cells, which communicate freely with each other wherever they are found.

It is very elastic, may be drawn out to a considerable extent, after which it suddenly recoils, and may be condensed or compacted to a great degree.

It lines the Skin, covers the Muscles in general, and enters in between their different Fibres;—is an universal covering to all the other parts, and even enters into the composition of almost every one of them.

It is thickest where the parts are most exposed to pressure, as in the Hips, Palms, and Soles.

The

The different Cells of which it is composed, are constantly moistened by an Interstitial Fluid, and in many parts of the Body are filled with Fat.

It has little or no sensibility, can be handled freely, or cut or punctured without giving pain.

It serves to connect parts to each other,—but so as to prevent them from growing together ;—it covers them, supplies them with sheaths to move in, and contains the Fat.

### CORPUS ADIPOSUM, ADEPS, PINGUEDO, or FAT.

The *Fat* is lodged in the common Cellular Substance, but without communicating with it, and is made up of Masses composed of small Vesicles containing the Fat, and these are surrounded by a net-work of Blood-Vessels, from which the Fat is supposed to be secreted, without the intervention of Glands.

The *Vesicles* are not found to have any communication with each other, nor have any Excretory Ducts yet been perceived in them,—the Fat being supposed to transude from the Cells.

It is of *different consistency* in different parts of the Body : In the living Body it is generally fluid, though in some parts it approaches to a solid, and is altogether of this nature in the dead Body.

In the Bones it forms the *Marrow*, which has been formerly described.

The Fat is chiefly *situated* immediately under the Skin, and covers almost the whole Surface of the Body. It is also found between the different Muscles and Fibres of Muscles,—within the Orbits, and in the Cheeks,—in the Substance of the Mammæ, and about the Heart.

It *abounds* in the Abdomen, about the Kidneys, Loins, Omentum, and Mesentery ;—and in the Joints it forms the Substances called *Glands of the Joints*, already mentioned.

The Fat is *awanting* in the Scrotum, Penis, and Eye-Lids, and is found only in small quantity in the Fore-head, or about the Joints, where, from its bulk, it would have been inconvenient.—It is also awanting in the Substance of the Viscera situated in the great Cavities of the Body ; as the Brain, Lungs, Liver, Spleen, Kidneys, &c.

The

The Fat serves to lubricate every part of the Body to which it is connected, and facilitates the action of the Muscles. It fills the Interstices, so as to give form and smoothness, and guard against pressure. It serves also as a reservoir of nourishment.

### PANNICULUS CARNOSUS,

Described by the Ancients as an

### ADDITIONAL COVERING.

This is a general Covering found in the Quadruped, and formed by a thin Subcutaneous Muscle, which serves to agitate the Skin.

It is found only in certain parts of the Human Body ; as in the Fore-head, where it is formed by the Occipito-Frontalis Muscle ; and in the Neck, where it is formed by the Platysma Myoides.

## OF THE BRAIN.

THE term *Brain* is applied to the whole of that Mass which, with its surrounding Membranes, fills the Cavity of the Cranium; and is larger in Man, in proportion to the size of the body, than in any other animal.

The *Membranes* of the Brain were called *Meninges* and *Matres* by the Ancients, from an idea that they gave birth or origin to all the other Membranes of the Body.

They consist of the *Dura Mater*, *Tunica Arachnoidea*, and *Pia Mater*.

The *DURA MATER*, named from its being of a firmer texture than the other two Membranes, incloses the Brain and all its Appendages, and lines the different parts of the Cranium.

It is *composed* of one Membrane, which, in several parts, is divisible by maceration into two, or even more layers of Fibres.

The *texture* of the *Dura Mater* is very dense. It is the thickest and strongest Membrane of the Body, and is composed of Tendinous-like Fibres, which have a shining appearance, particularly in its inner Surface. In many parts these Fibres run in a variety of directions, and decussate each other at different angles.

The *Dura Mater adheres* every where to the Surface of the Cranium, in the same manner as the Periosteum adheres to the Bones in the other parts of the Body; but it is more firmly connected at the Sutures and Foramina than elsewhere; and so much more firmly in Children than in Adults, that in separating it from the Cranium, it is apt to bring along with it some of the Fibres of the Bone to which it is attached.—In the adult, the separation of the Bone from the Membrane is less difficult, in consequence of many of the Fibres being obliterated.

The *inner Surface* of the *Dura Mater*, which is remarkably smooth, is in *close contact* with the Brain, but *adheres only* where the Veins go into the Sinuses,—and is lubricated by a Fluid discharged through its Vessels, which guards the Brain from danger, according as it may be affected by the different states of Respiration.

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The Dura Mater serves as a *defence* to the Brain, and supplies the place of a *Periosteum* to the inside of the Bones of the Cranium, giving nourishment to them,—as is evident from the numerous drops of Blood which appear after removing the Skull-cap.

From the inner side of the Dura Mater, *Processes* are sent off, which divide the Brain into certain parts, and serve to keep it steady, *viz.*

I. The FALX, *Superior Longitudinal Process*, or *Septum Cerebri*, which is formed by a doubling of the Dura Mater, and is situated between the Hemispheres of the Brain.

It *begins* at the middle of the Sphenoid, and *Crista Galli* of the Ethmoid Bone, and runs along the upper and middle part of the Head, adhering first to the Frontal, then to the joining of the Parietal, and afterwards to the middle of the Occipital Bone.

In its passage it becomes gradually broader, extends from the Cranium to near the Corpus Callosum, and terminates behind in the middle of the Tentorium.

It runs from behind forwards in a straight direction, and has some resemblance in shape to a *Sickle* or *Scythe*, from which circumstance it has obtained the name of *Falx*.

Between the under edge of the Falx and Base of the Cranium, there is a *large space*, of an oval form, occupied by that part of the Brain which is common to the two Hemispheres.

The Falx supports the Tentorium, and prevents the two sides of the Brain from pressing upon each other.

II. The TENTORIUM CEREBELLI, or *Transverse Septum*, or *Lateral Processes* of the Dura Mater.

The *Tentorium* is continued laterally from the Falx, is connected behind to the inner Transverse Ridges and Grooves of the Occipital Bone, and at the fore and outer edges, to the Ridges and great Angles of the Temporal Bones, and terminates at the Posterior Clinoid Process of the Sphenoid Bone.

Between the middle and inner edges of the Tentorium and posterior Clinoid Process of the Sphenoid Bone, there is a large *Notch*, or *Foramen Ovale*, where the Brain and Cerebellum are united, or where the Tuber Annulare is chiefly situated.

The Tentorium keeps the Falx *tense* and forms a *floor* or *vault* over the Cerebellum, which prevents the Brain from pressing upon it.

III. The *FALX MINOR*, or *Septum Cerebelli*, which is placed between the Lobes of the Cerebellum. It descends from the under and back-part of the Falx and middle of the Tentorium, adheres to the inferior Longitudinal Spine of the Os Occipitis, and terminates insensibly at the edge of the Foramen Magnum of that Bone.

Besides the Processes of the Dura Mater already described, there are four of inferior consideration, two of which are situated at the sides of the Sella Turcica, and two at the edges of the Foramina Lacera.

Several other Processes pass out at the different openings of the Cranium, to be connected to the Pericranium, or to accompany the Spinal Marrow and Nerves. —These of the last description shall be afterwards taken notice of.

The *Arteries* of the Dura Mater are derived chiefly from the External Carotids, and partly from the internal Carotids and Vertebrales.

The *Veins* of this Membrane are of two kinds.—One set of them, like the Veins in other parts of the Body, accompany the Arteries;—the others are termed *Sinuses*, and differ from Veins only in this, that they are of a triangular Figure, and inclosed in a doubling of the Dura Mater, which is so tense over them, as to be little affected in consequence of the pressure from surrounding parts.

In the bottom of the Sinuses are *small Transverse Cordæ*, termed *Chordæ WILISII*, which may add a little to their strength, and assist in preventing them from being too much distended.

The Sinuses serve to carry the Blood from the Brain, and convey it to the Veins of the Neck, for which purpose they are properly fitted, their covering from the Dura Mater giving them strength, and their frequent communications preventing congestion.

*The Principal SINUSES are,*

I. The *SUPERIOR LONGITUDINAL SINUS*, which begins at the Crista Galli of the Ethmoid Bone, runs along the upper edge of the Falx, becomes gradually larger in its progress, and terminates in the Lateral Sinuses.

II. The *TORCULAR HEROPHILI*, or *fourth Sinus* of the Ancients; the term *Torcular* is applied to it from a supposition that the Blood is squeezed in that Sinus as in

a Wine-press.—It is chiefly formed of the Vena Galeni, runs between the Falx and Tentorium, and terminates with the former Sinus in the beginning of the Lateral Sinuses.

III. The Two LATERAL SINUSES, which are formed by the Longitudinal and Torcular Sinuses, run in depressions of the Occipital and Temporal Bones, first transversely, then in a winding direction downwards, and terminate at the Base of the Cranium, in the beginning of the Internal Jugular Veins.

Besides the Sinuses mentioned above, several others of less consideration will be pointed out in the particular description of the Veins.

The *Nerves* of the Dura Mater are so very minute, that they have not as yet been distinctly traced, and it is found to possess very little sensibility in the sound state.

Upon the side of the superior longitudinal Sinus, and contiguous parts of the Brain, there are *numerous small Granulations*, of a *whitish* colour, called *Glandulæ PACCHIONI*.

Besides these Granulations, there are others of the same name, of a *Fleshy* colour, situated on certain parts of the outer Surface of the Dura Mater, and frequently projecting so much as to form deep pits in the Skull.

The nature of these Granulations is still unknown.—By some they have been supposed to belong to the Lymphatic System.

The TUNICA ARACHNOIDEA, named from its cob-web appearance, is an exceedingly thin, tender, and transparent Membrane, in which no Vessels have been hitherto observed.

It is spread uniformly over the Surface of the Brain, inclosing all its Convolution, without insinuating itself between any of them.

At the upper part of the Brain, it adheres so closely to the subjacent Coat by fine Cellular Substance, that it can scarcely be separated from it; but in different parts of the Base of the Brain, particularly about the Tuber Annulare and Medulla Oblongata, it is merely in contact with the Membrane under it, and may readily be raised from it by the assistance of the Blow-pipe.

The Tunica Arachnoidea, like the Cuticle, covers and defends the parts under it.

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The *PIA MATER*, named from its tenderness, is somewhat of the nature of the former covering, but is extremely Vascular.

It covers the Brain in general, enters double between all its Convolutions, and lines the different Cavities called Ventricles.

It serves to contain and support the Vessels of the Brain, and allows them to divide into such minute parts, as to prevent the Blood from entering the tender Substance of this Viscus with too great force.

The *Arteries* of the Pia Mater are the same with those of the Brain, and are derived from the Internal Carotids and Vertebrales.

The *Veins* differ in no respect from those of the other Viscera, excepting in this, that they do not accompany the Arteries.

The Brain is divided into *Cerebrum*, *Cerebellum*, *Tuber Annulare*, and *Medulla Oblongata*.

#### CEREBRUM.

The *Cerebrum* is situated in the upper part of the Cranium, which it completely fills.

It is divided into two halves, termed *Hemispheres*, which are separated from each other by the Falx.

Each of the Hemispheres is of an *oval form*, or they somewhat resemble an egg cut into two longitudinal halves. The inner sides are flat, the upper and outer parts convex, and the under Surface irregular.

The under Surface is divided into *two Anterior*, *two Lateral*, and *two Posterior Lobes*, or *Processes*.

The *Anterior Lobes* are situated in the fore-part of the Base of the Cranium.

The *Lateral* or *Middle Lobes*, are lodged in the Fossæ formed by the Temporal and Sphenoid Bones.

The *Posterior Lobes* are placed over the Cerebellum, and are separated from it by the Tentorium.

Between the Anterior and Lateral Lobes, there is a *Furrow* formed by the Anterior Clinoid Processes of the Sphenoid Bone, which has been termed *Fossa*, or *Fissura Magna SYLVII*.

The Surface of the Brain is divided into many turnings or windings, termed *Circumvolutions*, which run in various directions, and are of different sizes and lengths on different parts of the Brain.

The Circumvolutions are every where connected to the Pia Mater by an infinite number of small Vessels,—called by Ruysch, *Tomentum Cerebri*,—which run into the Substance of the Brain; as may be readily seen, upon separating the Circumvolutions a little from each other.

Between the Hemispheres a white Substance is observed, called *Corpus Callosum*, from its being a little firmer than the rest of the Brain.—It goes across the Brain, under the Falx, and is merely a continuation of Medullary Substance, running horizontally, and joining the two sides of the Hemispheres to each other.

In the middle of the *Corpus Callosum* there is a longitudinal *Raphe*, with a Medullary Cord on each side, from which many transverse streaks issue. These Cords, like the *Corpus Callosum* itself, become gradually broader towards the posterior extremity.

An horizontal Section, a little above the middle height of the Brain, or upon a level with the *Corpus Callosum*, shews the division of the Substance of the Brain into outer or inner, or *Cortical* and *Medullary* parts.

The outer Substance is termed *Cineritious*, from its being of a *greyish* or *ash* colour,—though a little tinged with brown;—and *Cortical*, from its *surrounding* the inner part of the Brain, as the Bark does the Pith of a Tree.

It is termed by some Authors *Glandular*, and by others *Secretory*, from a supposition that a Fluid was secreted in it.

The *Cineritious Substance* covers the Brain in general, and enters deep between its Convolution, is of a soft consistence, and composed of numerous small Vessels carrying red Blood; but it is uniform, and without any appearance of a Fibrous texture.

The inner Substance is termed *White* or *Medullary*, and is considered as giving origin to the different Nerves. It has been by some called *Excretory*, having been supposed to be formed of hollow Tubes continued from the Vessels of the *Cortical* part;—but no Cavities have ever been observed in the soft Fibres of which it is composed.

It is greater in quantity, and somewhat firmer in texture, than the *Cineritious Substance*, and is so intimately connected as to appear to be a continuation of it.—The soft Fibres or streaks of the Medullary Matter, run in general in a parallel and transverse direction.

In many parts of the *Cineritious Substance*, Medullary Matter

Matter appears; and, on the contrary, in different parts of the Medullary Substance, Cineritious Matter is found; the two being frequently blended together in the form of streaks. See MONRO on *Nervous System*.

The *Centrum Ovale* of VIEUSSENS. This is the Medullary Substance of the Brain, forming a kind of Nucleus, which is seen after removing the Cineritious Substance, and all the Medullary parts mixed with it, which lie between the Cortical Convolutions.

To obtain a proper view of the *Centrum Ovale*, the Nucleus ought to be cut in such a manner as to preserve the Corpus Callosum, and the same convexity with that of the general convexity of the Brain.

The *Centrum Ovale* forms an *arch* or *roof* over the two Lateral Ventricles; and the under part of this roof, which is smooth and uniform, constitutes the upper part of these Ventricles.

VIEUSSENS considered the *Centrum Ovale* as the *great Dispensatory of the Animal Spirits*.

The VENTRICLES of the Brain are four in number, two of which are called *Lateral*.

The four Ventricles have their sides contiguous to each other, are chiefly formed of Medullary Matter, and are lined with a continuation of the Pia Mater, which differs from that covering the exterior Surface of the Brain, in having fewer Vessels dispersed upon it.

They are constantly moistened by a Fluid, which prevents their opposite sides from adhering to each other.

The *use* of the Ventricles, like many other parts of the Brain, is still unknown.

The *Lateral*, formerly called *Superior Ventricles*, are situated in the Hemispheres, one in each, and run Horizontally in the same direction with the Hemispheres themselves.

They are of an irregular form, lying under the *Centrum Ovale*, and have each three winding corners, compared to Ram's Horns, which are therefore called *Cornua*.

The *Anterior Cornua* are separated only by the Septum Lucidum.

The *Posterior Cornua*, called also *Digital Cavities*, are at a considerable distance from each other, but approach nearer at their pointed extremities; while the *inferior Cornua*, the beginning of which is seen, run downwards and forwards, and terminate in the Lateral Lobes of the Brain.

In each of the Posterior Cornua there is an Elongation, which terminates in a point, and is called *Ergot* by the French, from its resemblance to the Spur of a Cock; or, *Hippocampus Minor*, from its similarity to, and connection with, the substance termed *Hippocampus Major*.

In the fore-part of the bottom of the Lateral Ventricles, are two large Eminences, called *Corpora Striata*, which become gradually narrower, and recede from each other at their posterior extremities.

The *Structure* of these is Cineritious externally, and mixed with Medullary Striæ within, some of which form large Transverse Medullary Arches, and others run more in a straight direction.

Between the posterior parts of the Corpora Striata, are situated the *Thalami Nervorum Opticorum*, which have a roundish form and Medullary Surface, and are of a Striated appearance within, but the Striæ are less distinct than in the Corpora Striata.

Upon the Surface of these Bodies, there are small *Eminences* or *Tubercles*, some of which are placed upon their superior, and others upon their inferior extremities.

The inner parts of the Thalami are flat and contiguous, and above they are so closely connected as to form one continued Surface, called *Commissura Mollis* of the Optic Thalami.

The posterior parts of the Thalami turn downwards and outwards, after which they are elongated, to form the two white Cords, called *Tractus Optici*.

In the Groove between the Corpora Striata and Thalami, there is a Medullary Band on each side, called *Centrum Semicirculare Geminum* of VIEUSSENS, or *Tænia Semicircularis* of HALLER, or simply *Tænia*.

Over the Thalami is placed the *Choroid Plexus*,—named from its being composed of a Chorus of Vessels and Membranes. It is a fine Vascular Web, consisting of small ramifications of Arteries and Veins, connected by the Pia Mater, and spread upon the Surface of the Thalami, and some of the adjacent parts.

The Choroid Plexus frequently contains numerous round *Globules*, resembling Hydatids, which have been considered by some Authors as Lymphatic Glands.

Under the Raphe of the Corpus Callosum, is placed the *Septum Lucidum*, which, when viewed laterally, is observed to be broad before, curved at its edge, and to become

become gradually narrower towards its posterior extremity.

It is connected above to the Corpus Callosum, below to the Fornix, and forms a distinct partition between the lateral Ventricles.

It is formed of two Cineritious and Medullary *Laminae*, more or less separated from each other at their forepart, by a small Cavity, called *Fissure*, or *Fossa* of SYLVIVS, or *Sinus* of the Septum Lucidum, which, however, does not communicate with the Lateral Ventricles, though in some subjects it reaches a considerable way backwards, and, as well as the other Cavities of the Brain, has been found full of water in Hydrocephalous cases.

Under the Septum Lucidum is placed the Substance which has been compared in shape to a *Vault* by the Ancients, and from that has obtained the name of *Fornix*.

The *Fornix* is merely a continuation of the Corpus Callosum, and forms a sort of hollow Ceiling, with four *Pillars*, called *Crura*, or *Cornua*, from their winding direction, of which there are two anterior and two posterior.

The *two Anterior Crura* are short, run close together, and become enlarged at their inferior parts. The *two Posterior Crura* are long, considerably distant from each other, and form Curvatures which correspond with the course of the Inferior Cornua of the Lateral Ventricles.

That part of the Crura Fornicis lying in the Inferior Cornua of these Ventricles, forms thin borders, getting the name of *Corpora Fimbriata*; but, according to the VIC D'AZYR, they are more properly termed *Tænia Hippocampi*, from being united with the great Hippocampus.

The body of the Fornix is *narrow* anteriorly, and becomes considerably *broader* behind, where it is incorporated with the Corpus Callosum.

The under Surface of the posterior part of the body of the Fornix, is impressed with numerous transverse and oblique Lines, which have been called *Psalterium*, or *Lyra*, from some resemblance they bear to the ancient musical instruments of these names.

The body of the Fornix is joined above to the Septum Lucidum; below it is connected to the Thalami Optici by a Vascular Membrane, called *Tela Choroidea*, which spreads

spreads over the Thalami, and unites the Choroid Plexus of the Lateral Ventricles.

The PEDES HIPPOCAMPI, GREAT HIPPOCAMPUS, or CORNUA AMMONIS,—named from a supposed resemblance to these parts,—are two Medullary Eminences, which arise from the sides of the posterior extremity of the Corpus Callosum, and are situated in the inferior Prolongations of the Lateral Ventricles.

They run through the whole extent of the Prolongations, first behind, then at the outer part of the posterior Pillars of the Fornix, and are so intimately connected with them, that they have been considered by some Authors as forming part of the Pillars themselves.

They are small at their origin, from which they continue to increase to their farther extremity.

Like the greater part of the Ventricles, they are covered externally with a Medullary Lamina;—internally they are found to consist of Medullary and Cineritious Laminæ, of a convoluted appearance.

At the inner edge of the Pedes Hippocampi, there is a *plaited, serrated, or indented Margin*, which, in the generality of Quadrupeds, is much larger, in proportion to the size of the Brain, than it is in Man.—The resemblance, however, to the human kind, in the structure of this particular part of the Brain, is more striking in the Ape than in any other Quadruped.

In the bottom of the Lateral Ventricles, behind the anterior Crura of the Fornix, and before the meeting of the Choroid Plexuses of these Ventricles, below the anterior part of the body of the Fornix, and over the fore-part of the third Ventricle, there is a HOLE, of an *oval form*, by which the Lateral Ventricles communicate freely with each other. See MONRO'S *Obs. on Nerv. Syst.* 1783, and *Treatise on the Brain*, 1797.

After dividing and turning back the Fornix, another communication from the above passage is found, called *Foramen Commune Anterius, Vulva*, or *Iter ad Infundibulum*; but properly, ITER AD TERTIUM VENTRICULUM, or Passage to the third Ventricle.

Between the Commissura Mollis of the Optic Thalami, and Substance called Pineal Gland, there is a small passage termed ANUS, or *Foramen Commune Posterius*, which has been supposed by some Authors to form a communication between the back-part of the third Ventricle and

and Lateral Ventricles; but it is completely shut up by the Tela Choroidea, and also by the Fornix, which adheres closely to this Membrane.

The THIRD VENTRICLE is in form of a deep Fissure, placed between the inner ends of the Thalami Optici, having the Commissura Mollis of these Thalami situated above, the Crura Cerebri below, and the bodies of the Thalami on each side.

The INFUNDIBULUM is a passage of considerable size, of a Cineritious and Medullary structure, which leads downwards and forwards, gradually contracting, and becoming solid at its under end, where it terminates in the *Glandula Pituitaria*, and thus, contrary to the opinion of the Ancients, preventing the passage of any Pituitous Fluid from it to the Nose.

The GLANDULA PITUITARIA is of an oval form, about the size of a Field-Bean, lodged in the Sella Turcica, and surrounded by a doubling of the Dura Mater.

On the outside it is of a brownish colour, being formed of Cineritious Matter; it is whiter within, where it is mixed with Medullary Substance.

The Glandula Pituitaria was formerly supposed to absorb a Fluid from the Infundibulum, and transmit it to the Nose. It has been already mentioned, however, that the Infundibulum is impervious; and the real use of this Gland, as well as of the other Tubercles of the Brain, seems still unknown.

At the fore-part of the third Ventricle, and immediately before the Anterior Crura of the Fornix, there is a white Medullary Cord, which runs transversely through the Corpora Striata, and has the name of COMMISSURA CEREBRI ANTERIOR.

At the back-part of the third Ventricle, and under the root of the Pineal Gland, there is another Cord similar to the former, but shorter, called COMMISSURA CEREBRI POSTERIOR. The *Commissuræ Cerebri* assist in uniting the two sides of the Brain to which they are fixed.

From the under and back-part of the third Ventricle, there is a Passage which leads to the fourth, under the name of ITER AD QUARTUM VENTRICULUM, *Canalis Medius*, or *Aquæductus* SYLVII.

After the posterior part of the Fornix, and the Tela Choroidea to which it adheres, have been removed, there appear at the back-part of the third Ventricle, behind

hind the Thalami, and over the Iter a Tertio ad Quartum Ventriculum, the NATES and TESTES, or TUBERCULA QUADRIGEMINA, and PINEAL GLAND.

The NATES, or *Tubercula Quadrigemina Anteriora*, are placed uppermost, and are of a rounder form than the TESTES, or *Tubercula Quadrigemina Posteriora*,—which lie immediately below the former.—The Testes are broader from one side to the other than from top to bottom, and of a white colour.

A longitudinal Section shews the Tubercula to be covered externally with a thin Medullary Lamina, and to be Cineritious within.

In Man they are more nearly of an equal size than in Quadrupeds, as in the Ox, Sheep, &c. in which the Nates are large, round, and of a brown colour, and the Testes small and long.

Over the *Nates*, and under the back-part of the *Fornix*, is placed a small body, of a Cineritious nature, about the size of a Garden-Pea, and of a Conoid figure, called GLANDULA PINEALIS, from its resemblance in shape to a *Pine* or *Fir Cone*.

In consequence of being always present, and seldom found in a diseased state, it has been celebrated by DES CARTES, as being, according to his supposition, the *Seat of the Soul*.

The *Pineal Gland* is fixed at its root to the Commissura Cerebri Posterior, and sends out *two long Medullary Peduncles*, or *Foot stalks*, to be fixed to the upper and inner side of the Thalami, and to the Anterior Crura of the Fornix.

Near, or in the Substance of the Pineal Gland, small Calcareous Concretions are sometimes found, called by SOEMMERING, *Acervulus Cerebri*, from their being generally found collected in a heap.

They do not appear to be the effects of disease; nor are they met with till after the age of Puberty.

#### CEREBELLUM.

The *Cerebellum* is situated in the Inferior Fossæ of the Occipital Bone, under the posterior Lobes of the Brain, and is separated from these Lobes by the Tentorium.

It is somewhat of a roundish form, though a little broader from one side to the other than from before backwards.

wards. It is only about a fifth or sixth part of the size of the Cerebrum, and much simpler.

It is divided behind by the Falx Minor into two Lobes or Hemispheres, but has no separation above like the Brain.

Its Surface is divided into numerous Circumvolutions, which form arches, decussating each other in many parts, at sharp angles.

The Circumvolutions run chiefly in a lateral direction, and are formed of Laminæ, with deep Sulci between them, into which, as in the Brain, the Pia Mater insinuates itself, which may be readily seen by making a puncture into the Arachnoid Coat, and blowing in air till it distend the Cellular Substance, and separate the Coats from each other.

It has two middle Eminences, called *Appendices Vermiformes*, from their resemblance to Earth-Worms, one of which is situated anteriorly and superiorly, the other inferiorly and posteriorly.

Each of the Lobes of the Cerebellum is again divided into *Monticuli*, or *Lobules*, which have different names according to their relative situations, connections with other parts, &c. They vary a little in different Subjects, but are best distinguished from the direction of their Convolutions.

The Substance of the Cerebellum consists of Cineritious and Medullary Matter, as in the Cerebrum; but the Cineritious bears a greater proportion to the Medullary in the former than in the latter.

When the Cerebellum is cut in a vertical direction, the Medullary part is then found to bear a striking resemblance to the branching of the shrub called *Arbor Vitæ*, from which circumstance it has obtained the name of this shrub.

When cut in slices nearly parallel to the Base of the Brain, the Medullary Substance appears in Laminæ, corresponding to those of the Surface of the Cerebellum; and when cut to a considerable depth, there is a Centrum Medullare uniting the lateral Lobes, as in the Brain.

Between the Cerebellum, the under part of the Tuber Annulare, and upper part of the Medulla Oblongata, the *Fourth Ventricle* is situated, which extends from the Eminences called *Testes* to the posterior inferior Notch of the Cerebellum.

A little lower than the Testes, the Ventricle becomes wider, and forms an angle behind, from which again it contracts, and becoming narrower and pointed below like a writing-pen, is called *Calamus Scriptorius*.

Over the under end of the *Aquæductus Sylvii*, and upper part of the fourth Ventricle, there is a thin Medullary Lamina, called *Valvula*, but properly *Velum VIEUSSENII*.

At the sides of the *Velum Vieussenii* there are two Medullary tracts, called *Processus ad Testes*, or *Columnæ Valvulæ VIEUSSENII*.

The under end of the Ventricle is found to be shut up by its Choroid Plexus, which prevents any communication between this Cavity and that of the Spine.

### UNDER SURFACE OF THE BRAIN.

Near the middle of the Base of the Brain, and between its Lateral Lobes, there are two small, round, white bodies, termed *Eminentie Mammillares*, or *Corpora Albicantia*, Medullary without, Cineritious within, mistaken by some Authors for Glands.

In the *Corpora Albicantia*, various Medullary *Strata* terminate, which come from different parts of the Brain.

Immediately before the *Corpora Albicantia*, two large white Cords are observed, called *Crura*, or *Pedunculi Cerebri*, or *Crura Anteriora Medullæ Oblongatæ*, which arise from the Medullary Substance of the Brain, and gradually approach each other in their course, till they unite with the *Tuber Annulare*.

Their Surface is flat, and composed of distinct Medullary Fibres; internally they are composed of a Mixture of Cineritious and Medullary Matter, the former of which being of a darker colour at one particular part than in any other of the Brain, has been termed *Locus Niger Crurum Cerebri*.

Between the *Crura Cerebri* and *Corpora Albicantia*, there is a Cineritious Substance, called *Pons TARINI*, which joins these two bodies of the opposite sides together, and assists in forming the bottom of the third Ventricle.

From the Medullary part of the *Cerebellum*, which forms the trunk of the *Arbor Vitæ*, two white cords arise, under the name of *Crura Cerebelli*, or *Crura Posteriora*, or *Pedunculi Cerebelli*, which unite with the *Crura Cerebri*, to compose the *Tuber Annulare*, or *Pons VARO*.

LII, so named from forming a Ring or Bridge over the Crura. This ring is intimately incorporated with, and formed by these Crura.

The *Tuber Annulare* is situated over the back-part of the body of the Sphenoid and Cuneiform Process of the Occipital Bone. Many transverse streaks run on its Surface, and it is divided into two lateral parts by a longitudinal depression, occasioned by the situation of the Vertebral Artery.

At the fore and back parts of the Tuber, are the *Foramina Cæca*, *Anterior et Posterior*, the former placed between the third, and the latter between the sixth Pair of Nerves: These two Foramina penetrate only a little way at the edges of the Tuber, and receive a Plexus of Vessels.

In the Substance of the Tuber, there is much Cortical Matter, which is formed into *Striæ*, running in different directions.

Continued from the Tuber, there is a large Substance in form of an inverted Cone, which extends to the Foramen Magnum of the Occipital Bone, under the name of *Medulla Oblongata*.

Upon the Surface of the Medulla Oblongata, two small Eminences appear, which run longitudinally and contiguous to each other, and from their shape have the name of *Corpora Pyramidalia*, or *Eminentia Pyramidales*.

Between the Corpora Pyramidalia, there is a deep Fissure, into which the Pia Mater penetrates, and where Blood-vessels pass into the interior part of the Medulla.

At the outside of the former Eminences, are two others, somewhat of the form of Olives, from which they are termed *Corpora Olivaria*, or *Eminentia Olivares*.

More externally than these, are two other Eminences, less evident than the former, which have been described by some Authors by the name of *Corpora Pyramidalia Lateralia*.

The Medulla Oblongata is divided into two lateral portions, by an anterior and posterior Fissure, and the two portions are formed of Medullary Matter without, and a large proportion of Cineritious Matter internally, and joined together by Medullary Fibres.

The BRAIN is the *Grand and Primary Organ of Sense*, with which the Mind is supposed to be most immediately and intimately connected, and from which the Nervous

Influence is found, by experiment, to be communicated to all the other parts of the Body.

### ORIGIN of the NERVES.

The Nerves arise from the Medullary parts of the Brain, some in solid Cords, others in separate Threads which afterwards unite into Cords; and have their name in numerical succession, according to their situations, beginning anteriorly.

The *First*, or *Olfactory Pair of Nerves*, arise from the back-part of the posterior lobes of the Brain, and run towards the Crista Galli of the Ethmoid Bone, over which each forms a brownish-coloured Bulb, from whence numerous small Nerves are sent off.

The *Second Pair*, or *Optic Nerves*, are the continuations of the Thalami Optici. They are united immediately before the Infundibulum, and form an intimate intermixture of parts, and again separate previous to their passing into the Orbits.

The *Third Pair* arise by numerous Threads, which are soon collected into Trunks.

The *Fourth Pair*, which are the smallest Nerves of the Body, arise behind the Testes, and have a long and winding course.

The *Fifth Pair*, which are the largest Nerves in the Brain, have each an anterior small, and a posterior large Fasciculus, which arises from the side of the Tuber Annulare.

The *Sixth Pair* arise from the beginning of the Medulla Oblongata, where it joins the Tuber Annulare. Each of the Nerves of this Pair has a small Thread at its inner part.

The *Seventh Pair* arise from the beginning of the lateral parts of the Medulla Oblongata, and are divided on each side into a *Portio Mollis*, and *Portio Dura*.

The *Eighth Pair* arise by small Fasciculi from the Corpora Olivaria.

The *Ninth Pair of Nerves* also arise by small Fasciculi, a little below the former, from the Corpora Pyramidalia.

The Origin of the Nerves will be described at greater length, in a subsequent part of the Volume.

## OF THE EYE.

THE *Eyes*, which constitute the Organ of Vision, are situated in the Cavities of the Orbits, and are surrounded by several parts, some of which protect them from injury, and others assist in the performance of their various motions.

The *Orbits* are formed of two Cones, situated in the fore-part of the Cranium, with their Apices behind, their Axes in an horizontal situation, and their Bases turned obliquely outwards.

Each of the Orbits is formed of different Processes of the following Bones, viz.

The upper part of each Orbit, by the Orbital Plate of the Frontal Bone;—the inferior, by the Orbital Plates of the superior Maxillary and Malar Bones;—the internal, chiefly by the Orbital part of the Os Unguis and Pars Plana of the Ethmoid Bone;—the external, by the Orbital Plates of the Sphenoid and Malar Bones;—the posterior, by the Sphenoid and Palate Bones;—and the anterior edge of the Orbit, by the Frontal, superior Maxillary, and Malar Bones.

The Cavities of the Orbits are lined with Productions of the Dura Mater, which pass out at the Foramina Optica and Lacera, and, at the anterior edges of the Orbits, join the Periosteum of the Face, where they supply the place of Ligaments to the Palpebræ.

## SUPERCILIA.

The *Supercilia*, or *Eye-brows*, which are peculiar to the Human species, are the arches of Hair situated upon the Superciliary Ridges of the Frontal Bone. The Hairs are placed obliquely, with their roots towards the Nose, and the Arches elevated a little above the rest of the Fore-head, by a considerable quantity of Cellular Substance lying under the Skin.

They are moved in different directions by the action

of the Frontal Corrugator, and Orbicularis Palpebrarum Muscles.

They are intended partly for ornament, and partly as shades over the Eyes, thereby preventing them from being injured by extraneous Matter, or by too great a quantity of light. They also assist in expressing the passions of the Mind.

#### PALPEBRÆ.

The *Palpebræ*, or *Eye-lids*, are chiefly composed of a doubling of the Skin, inclosing part of the Orbicularis Palpebrarum Muscle, and the Cartilages called *Tarsi*, and forming angles at their outer and inner extremities, termed *Canthi*, or *Corners of the Eye*.

The *Upper Eye-lid* is the one which moves principally in closing or opening the Eye, the under moving only when the Eye-lids are shut with uncommon force.

The *motions* of the Eye-lids are performed by the action of the Orbicularis and Levator Palpebrarum Muscles.

The Eye-lids serve as Curtains or Veils, to defend the Eyes during sleep: They likewise prevent them from being injured by extraneous objects, or by too much light. By their frequent motion they increase the secretion of the Tears, apply them properly to the Surface of the Eye, and conduct what remains, after washing the Eye, to the Puncta Lacrymalia.

#### TARSUS.

This is a *thin Cartilaginous Arch*, situated in the edge of each Eye-lid, that in the upper one being considerably broader than the one below, and each broader at its middle than towards its extremities.

Their edges are so placed, that when the Eye-lids are shut, a groove is left next the Eye, by which the Tears are conveyed towards the Nose.—They terminate at a little distance from the inner angle of the Eye.

They serve to keep the Eye-lids extended, allow them to be accurately applied to each other, and prevent them from being collected into folds.

GLANDULÆ SEBACEÆ, CILIARES, or MEIBOMIANÆ,—the last term obtained from their being described by MEIBOMIUS,—are placed between the Tarsus and lining of  
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the Eye-lids, and are formed of a series of white lines or Follicles, running in serpentine directions, which, when viewed through a magnifier, appear like rows of Pearls, from which an Oily or Sebaceous Matter, resembling little worms, may be readily squeezed out through the Foramina or Puncta Ciliaria, placed upon the edges of the Eye-lids.

The matter of the Sebaceous Glands facilitates the motion of the Eye-lids, and prevents their accretion during sleep.

### CILIA.

The *Cilia*, or *Eye-lashes*, are stiff Hairs placed in the edges of the Eye-lids. Those of the upper Eye-lid are bent upwards, and are considerably longer than those of the under Eye-lid, which are bent in the opposite direction. In both Eye-lids, they are wanting near the inner Angle.

The *Cilia* prevent dust, insects, &c. from getting into the Eye, assist in moderating the quantity of light sent into it, and add to the beauty of the Face.

### GLANDULA LACRYMALIS.

The *Glandula Lacrymalis*, called, till of late years, the *Glandula Innominata* GALENI, is situated upon the upper and outer part of the Eye, in a hollow behind the outer end of the Superciliary Ridge of the Frontal Bone.—It is a Gland of the Conglomerate kind, of a yellowish colour, of an oblong form, and a little flattened, with one end pointing to the Nose, the other to the outer angle of the Eye.

Besides this, there is a chain of *Smaller Glands*, lying between the principal Gland and upper Eye-lid, and connecting them together.

In the direction of the *Smaller Glands*, there are several Excretory Ducts,—described by DR MONRO, 1758,—which run nearly parallel to, but do not communicate with each other.

The Excretory Ducts, on account of their smallness, are not often seen, and are difficult of injection. They terminate on the inner side of the upper Eye-lid, near the outer angle of the Eye, and upper edge of the Tarsus.

The *use* of this gland is to secrete the Tears, which are spread over the Surface of the Eye by their own weight, and by the motion of the Eye-lids, for the purpose of preserving the delicacy of the Eye, and particularly the transparency of the Cornea.

#### PUNCTA LACRYMALIA.

The *Puncta Lacrymalia* are two small Orifices placed near the inner angle of the Eye, one in the upper, the other in the under Eye-lid, at the extremity of the Tarsus, and opposite to each other.

Each Punctum is seated obliquely upon a small eminence, and is surrounded with a Cartilaginous Circle, which keeps it constantly open.

The *Puncta Lacrymalia* are the Orifices of two small Canals, which run in the direction of the edges of the Eye-lids towards the side of the Nose, where they approach each other, and terminate together in the Lacrymal Sac.

The Tears which remain after moistening the Eye, are absorbed by the Puncta, after the manner of Capillary attraction, and are conveyed through their Ducts into the Lacrymal Sac by the impulse of the Eye-lids.

#### CARUNCULA LACRYMALIS.

The *Caruncula Lacrymalis* is a small Gland of a reddish colour, of the Conglomerate kind, situated between the inner angle of the Eye-lids and Ball of the Eye, which supplies Sebaceous Matter to this part of the Eye-lids, and serves in particular to separate the Puncta Lacrymalia, and to direct the Tears to them while the Eye-lids are shut.

Minute Hairs are found upon the Surface of this body, serving to entangle small objects which get into the Eye.

#### VALVULA SEMILUNARIS.

The *Valvula Semilunaris* is a small doubling of the Tunica Conjunctiva, which lies between the Caruncula Lacrymalis and Ball of the Eye.

It is larger in the Ape and other Quadrupeds than in the Human species, and still larger in Birds, in which, as well as in Quadrupeds, it is called *Membrana Nictitans*.

It is in form of a Crescent, the horns of which are turned towards the *Puncta Lacrymalia*, and assists the *Caruncula* in conducting the Tears to the *Puncta*.

### THE BALL OF THE EYE.

The *Ball*, *Globe*, or *Bulb* of the Eye, is of a spherical form, to collect the rays of light into a proper Focus, and is surrounded behind by a quantity of soft Fat, to allow the Eye and its Muscles to move with facility.

The Ball of the Eye is composed of *Coats*, *Humours*, *Vessels*, and *Nerves*, to be next described.

### COATS.

#### TUNICA ADNATA.

The *Tunica Adnata*, or *Conjunctiva*, named from its connecting the Eye to the Orbit, is a reflection of the Skin continued from the Eye-lids over the whole fore-part of the Ball of the Eye.

It adheres slightly by means of Cellular Substance to the White of the Eye, but so firmly to the Cornea, as to be separated from it with difficulty.

It is so remarkably thin, that the colour of the subjacent parts shine readily through it.

Between this Coat and the white part of the Eye, there is a quantity of loose Cellular Substance, which is very Vascular, and is the common seat of *Ophthalmia*.

The *Tunica Adnata* supports the Ball of the Eye, prevents extraneous bodies from getting to the back-part of it, and forms a smooth covering to lessen the friction between the Eye and Eye-lids.

#### CORNEA.

The *Cornea*, so called from its resemblance to Horn, is termed by many Authors *Cornea Lucida*, to distinguish it from the *Sclerotica*, named *Cornea Opaca*.

It forms the anterior Pellucid Covering of the Eye, is more convex than the rest of the Ball, and is joined to the *Tunica Sclerotica*, like the Segment of a small Sphere to that of a larger one. The convexity, however, varies in different persons, so as to form a short or long sighted Eye, according as the Cornea is more or less prominent.

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In a recent subject, it is hard, dense, and transparent; but after maceration in water, it becomes soft and opaque, and may be readily separated, especially in young Animals, into different Lamellæ, the anterior of which is the continuation of the Tunica Adnata.

By a slight degree of putrefaction, it may also be separated from the Tunica Sclerotica.

In the Whale, the edge of the Cornea is received into a distinct Groove formed by the Sclerotica.

In a sound state, it has no Vessels which carry red Blood, though such are frequently seen on it when the Eye is inflamed.

Its nerves are too small to be traced; yet it possesses exquisite sensibility.

It collects the rays of light, and transmits them to the Eye, protects the tender parts within it, and contains the Aqueous Humour.

### IRIS.

The *Iris*, which is named from being in some persons of different colours, is the only Coat which possesses motion. It was considered as a continuation of the Choroid Coat, until described by Zinn, who shews that it is only connected to this Coat by the medium of the Ciliary Circle.

It is placed at a little distance from the Cornea, begins a small way behind the junction of that Coat with the Sclerotica, and running across, it forms a Septum, a little convex anteriorly, and perforated in the middle by a Hole, called the Pupil, or sight of the Eye.

The term *Pupil* is applied, because it represents objects no larger than a Pupilla or Puppet.

In the Fœtus, the Pupil is covered with a Vascular Membrane, termed *Membrana Pupillaris*, which generally disappears between the seventh and ninth month of gestation.

Upon the back-part of the Iris, there is a dark-coloured Pigment, considered by the Ancients as a posterior Layer of the Iris, called by them *Uvea*, from its resemblance in colour to the Grape.

When the Paint is washed off, the Iris exhibits two sets of Fibres,—concerning which Authors have entertained various opinions,—one in the form of Radii, the  
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different colours of which give the diversity of colour to the Eye; the other circular, and surrounding the inner edge of the Iris, and considered by DR MONRO as the Sphincter Muscle of the Pupil.

The Iris has also many Blood-vessels, which can be readily injected; and has a greater proportion of Nerves than almost any other part of the Body.

It floats in the Aqueous Humour, and is of such a nature, that upon exposure to a strong light, or when the Eye looks upon a near object, the diameter of the Pupil is diminished; and vice versa.

The different motions of the Iris are supposed to be excited by the sensibility of the Retina, and the quantity of light falling upon that Nerve.

The Iris serves to regulate the quantity of light sent to the bottom of the Eye.

### TUNICA SCLEROTICA.

The *Tunica Sclerotica*, which is named from its hardness, is the largest and strongest Coat of the Eye, covering the whole Ball, excepting the parts occupied by the entrance of the Optic Nerve behind, and by the Cornea before.

It is so firmly fixed to the edge of the Cornea, as to have been considered by many Anatomists as a continuation of the same substance; but it differs from the Cornea in the following particulars; it is of a pure white colour, is formed of Fibres running in every direction, and closely interwoven with each other, is not divisible into Layers, and may be separated from it by art, as has been already mentioned.

It is thickest posteriorly, and receives a little tinge on the inner Surface, from the Choroid Coat, with which it is in contact.

It gives form and strength to the Eye, and supports the ~~under~~ <sup>inner</sup> parts within it.

The Tendons of the four Recti Muscles of the Eye are fixed to the fore-part of the Tunica Sclerotica; and these, or the Cellular Vaginae covering them, have been supposed to give an additional whiteness to the Eye; and the part giving this whiteness has been termed *Tunica Albuginea*:—But the Sclerotic Coat is every where of a pure white, and can receive little additional brightness from any such coverings.

TUNICA

## TUNICA CHOROIDES.

This Coat derives its name from the Vessels with which it abounds, forming a *Chorus*; or from its supposed resemblance to the Membrane called *Chorion*, which surrounds the Fœtus in Utero.

The *Choroides* lies under the *Sclerotica*, and is connected to it by the Trunks of Vessels and Nerves which pass from the one Coat to the other, and also by a tender Cellular Substance, of a brown colour, with which the inner Surface of the *Sclerotica* is tinged.

It begins at the entrance of the Optic Nerve into the Eye, runs between the *Sclerotica* and Retina, nearly to the Crystalline Lens, where it is more firmly connected to the Sclerotic Coat than it is elsewhere, by means of the Ciliary Circle.

The *Ciliary Circle*, or *Ciliary Ligament* as it is called, is composed of a quantity of condensed shining Cellular Substance, which forms a white Ring connecting the fore-part of the *Choroides*, and the root or outer Margin of the Iris, to the *Sclerotica*.

The Choroid Coat is much thinner and more tender than the Sclerotic, and is one of the most Vascular parts of the Body, seeming at first sight to be entirely composed of Vessels.—The greater number of those on the outside run in whirls; while those on the inside, running nearly parallel to each other, gave rise to the supposed existence of the *Membrana Ruyschiana*.

It is also furnished with numerous Nerves, which are united with its Vessels by a fine Cellular Texture.

In the human Eye, the *Choroides* is of a dusky brown colour, both externally and internally; but the colour varies considerably in the eyes of different animals.

The inner Surface of this Coat, which is *Villous*, was described by RUYSCH as a *distinct Lamina*, and has been termed by many Anatomists *Tunica Ruyschiana*;—HALLER however, and ZINN, and many others who followed them, have demonstrated this Coat to consist of only one Lamina; though in Sheep, and in some other animals, it appears to be double.

Upon the inner side of the *Choroides*, there is a dark-coloured Mucus, called *Pigmentum Nigrum*,—supposed to be produced from the Vessels of this Coat,—which is blackest and thickest at the fore-part of the Eye, where it adheres so tenaciously as to be removed with difficulty;

culty; but behind it is thinner, more fluid, and more easily removed; becoming gradually less evident, and almost disappearing round the Optic Nerve.

In advanced age, the *Pigmentum Nigrum* becomes more diluted, and of a lighter colour; so that the Vessels of the Choroid Coat may be seen shining through the Vitreous Humour.

Though HALLER denies that the *Membrana Ruyschiana* can ever be separated, in the Human Eye, from the Choroides,—he retains the name, to denote the black Surface of this Coat.

In grameniverous animals, in fishes, and in those animals which go in quest of prey in the night, the Paint is of a light and shining colour in the bottom of the Eye, and is called *Tapetum*.—In an entirely white Rabbit, the Paint is wanting, and the Eye has a red colour from the Vessels of the Choroid Coat; but the redness disappears when the animal is dead.

At the fore-part of the Choroid Coat, and opposite to the Ciliary Circle, there is a black radiated Ring, called *Corpus Ciliare*, which is about the sixth part of an inch in breadth towards the Temple, but somewhat narrower towards the Nose.

In the posterior portion of the *Corpus Ciliare*, there are numerous pale radiated *Ciliary Striæ*, but so covered with the *Pigmentum Nigrum*, as not to be distinctly seen till the Paint is removed.

Near the connection of the *Corpus Ciliare* with the root of the Iris, these *Striæ* become gradually broader and more elevated, and form about seventy white *Plicæ* or *Folds*, termed *Processus Ciliares*, the intervals of which are also covered with *Pigmentum Nigrum*.

The *Processus Ciliares*, which obtain their name from their resemblance to the Cilia of the Eye-lids, are commonly formed each of two or more *Striæ*, are not all of an equal size, and many of them forked at their extremities.

The *Corpus Ciliare*, formed of the *Ciliary Striæ* and *Ciliary Processes*, has no appearance of Muscularity, though the contrary has been supposed by some Authors. A fine Injection shews it to be chiefly formed of a continuation of the Blood-vessels of the Choroid coat, the branches of which divide into such minute parts, as to give the whole a Villous appearance.

The *Corpus Ciliare* is glued to the Retina, at the  
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fore-part of the Vitreous Humour, and a little behind the edge of the Crystalline Lens; but the Ciliary Processes float in the Aqueous Humour in the posterior chamber of the Eye, at the inner side of the root of the Iris, and may be readily turned back behind the edge of the Lens, to which they are contiguous, but do not adhere.

The Choroid Coat, with its dark Paint, serves to suffocate the rays of light which pass through the Retina, and thereby to allow a distinct image to be formed upon the bottom of the Eye, and to prevent the rays from being reflected so as to form a second image.

In these animals in which this Coat or its Paint is of a bright colour, it acts as a mirror to reflect light, and make the impression stronger.

#### OPTIC NERVE AND RETINA.

The *Optic Nerve*, in its passage through the Orbit, is covered by a continuation of the Membranes which surround the Brain.

At the Foramen Opticum, the *Dura Mater* is divided into two *Laminae*, one of which assists in forming the Periosteum of the Orbit; the other, which is again divided into two *Laminae*, furnishes a sheath to the Nerve, and accompanies it to the Tunica Sclerotica, to which it is so firmly connected by Cellular Substance, as to have induced some Authors to describe the Sclerotica as a continuation of the *Dura Mater*.

The body of the Nerve is still more closely invested by the *Pia Mater*, which also forms sheaths round the Nervous Fasciculi, and accompanies the Nerve into the Eye.

At the back-part of the Ball of the Eye, and a little removed from the Axis, towards the Nose, the *Fasciculi* of the Optic Nerve pass through a Cribiform part of the Sclerotic Coat.

The Nerve is contracted at its entrance through the Sclerotic Coat, but immediately after its ingress, it expands to form the Retina,—so called from its supposed Reticular appearance.

In the middle of the entrance of the Optic Nerve, the Artery is seen dividing into branches, which are dispersed upon the inner Surface of the Retina.

The Retina advances between the Choroid Coat and  
Capsule

Capsule of the Vitreous Humour, to the fore-part of the Eye, and terminates or disappears upon the anterior part of the edge, or greatest diameter of the Capsule of the Crystalline Lens.

The Retina is contiguous to the Choroid Coat and Capsule of the Vitreous Humour, but does not adhere to either, by Blood-vessels or otherwise, till it reach the Corpus Ciliare.

Under the Corpus Ciliare, the Retina is so covered externally, with the Pigmentum Nigrum, and adheres internally so closely to the Capsule of the Vitreous Humour, as to be prevented from being seen till the black Paint be washed off, or till all the Coats be removed posteriorly, and the Eye viewed through the medium of the Vitreous Humour.

The Retina is composed of a tender and Pulpy-like Substance, is semitransparent, and of a light-gray colour, resembling that of ground glass.

From the entrance of the Optic Nerve, to the edge of the Corpus Ciliare, the Retina is of an equal and uniform Substance, and is so easily torn and separated from the edge of that body, as to be described by many Authors as terminating there.

Under the Striæ and Processes of the Corpus Ciliare, the Retina is thinner than in the posterior part of the Eye, and is so impressed by these bodies, as also to have the appearance of Striæ, which terminate in numerous minute Fibres, like Nerves in other parts of the Body.

The Retina is the seat of Vision, and therefore the primary part of the Eye, to which all the other parts within the Orbit are subservient.

## HUMOURS.

### AQUEOUS HUMOUR.

The *Aqueous Humour* is lodged in the space between the Cornea and Crystalline Lens.

This space is divided into two Cavities, called *Chambers*, the anterior of which is situated between the Cornea and Iris, and is the larger of the two.

The posterior is placed between the Iris and Crystalline Lens, and is so much smaller than the former, that its existence has been denied by some Authors, though it is a distinct Cavity, demonstrable, not only in the A-

dult, where the Pupil is open, but in the Fœtus before the Pupil is formed.

The Aqueous Humour is clear as the purest Water, but is somewhat heavier, possesses a small degree of viscosity, contains a little Salt, and is about five grains in weight.

In the Fœtus, and for the first month after birth, it is reddish and turbid.

When evacuated, it is quickly renewed; for within forty-eight hours after it has been let out by a puncture, the Cornea is observed to be again perfectly distended.

It is supposed to be secreted from the neighbouring Arteries, particularly from those on the fore-part of the Iris and Ciliary Processes.

It serves to keep the Cornea distended, and, by its roundish form and pellucidity, it collects and transmits the rays of light to the inner parts of the Eye. It likewise guards the Iris and Lens, and admits of the motions of the former.

#### CRYSTALLINE LENS.

The *Crystalline Lens*, which has its name from its resemblance to Crystal, and from its Lenticular form,—though a solid body, which may be moulded into various shapes,—has always been classed among the Humours of the Eye.

It is situated behind the Aqueous Humour, opposite to the Pupil, and the whole of its posterior part is received into a depression on the fore-part of the Vitreous Humour.

Like a common Lens, or magnifying Glass, it has two convex Surfaces, the anterior of which is in general less convex than the posterior, the two being formed of segments of spheres of an unequal size.

The anterior Surface, according to the experiments of PETIT, forms the segment of a sphere, the diameter of which is between seven or eight lines, or twelfths of an inch; while the posterior Surface is only equal to the segment of a sphere of about five lines in diameter.

It has been observed by ZINN,—that the figure of the Lens varies at different periods, being in the Fœtus almost of a spherical form, but becoming gradually flatter on the anterior and posterior Surfaces, till about the age of thirty, after which its form does not appear to vary.

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As the figure, so also the colour and consistency are found to change at different times of life.—In the *Pœtus*, not only the Capsule, but the Lens also is of a reddish colour; but, immediately after birth, they become perfectly transparent.—In a person considerably advanced in years, the Lens is observed to acquire a certain degree of yellowness, which appears first in the centre, and afterwards extends gradually to the circumference; and in extreme old age, this yellow tinge becomes so deep as to resemble Amber.

An Aqueous Fluid is described as being situated between the Crystalline Lamellæ, which is supposed to decrease in quantity, and to become yellowish, the Lens at the same time increasing in solidity as the person advances in life.—This difference however, of convexity, colour, and consistence, according to the difference of age, is not uniformly met with.

The Lens becomes opaque soon after death, and acquires an additional opacity when put into spirit of wine.

It is composed of concentric Lamellæ, laid over each other like the coats of an Onion. These Lamellæ are connected by a fine Cellular Substance, and are more closely compacted the nearer they are to the centre.

This lamellated structure may be readily observed in the Eye of an Ox, or any other large animal, but is most evident when the Lens has been macerated in Water or Vinegar.

When the maceration is continued for some time, the Lamellæ put on a radiated appearance, the Radii running in a vertical manner, or issuing from the centre to the circumference, dividing the Surface into Isoscular Triangles.

The Lamellæ were discovered by LEUWENHÖEK, to be of a Fibrous structure. By a late writer, these Fibres have been considered as Muscular,—but this opinion of the Muscularity of the Lens, seems to have gained very few proselytes.

The substance of the Lens somewhat resembles half-melted Gum, is very soft and tender on the outside, but becomes gradually firmer and tougher towards the centre, where it forms a Nucleus.

The Lens is surrounded by a very pellucid proper Capsule, called *Tunica Aranea*, or *Crystallina*, which is much thicker and more elastic than the Capsule of the Vitreous Humour, but adheres so slightly, and is so ea-

sily lacerated, that after a small puncture is made in it, the Lens starts out, upon applying gentle pressure to the Capsule.

The posterior part of the Capsule is much thinner, softer, and weaker than the anterior; but is quite a *distinct Membrane* from the Tunica Vitrea; yet so firmly connected to it by Cellular Substance, that it is difficult to separate them without lacerating both the Vitreous Coat and its Humour.

Some Authors describe an *Aqueous Humour* as seated between the Lens and its Capsule; while others, of no small respectability, deny the existence of this Humour, as well as of that which is said to be situated between the Lamellæ of the Lens.

The *Vessels* of the Lens are not to be seen in the Eye of an Adult; but in that of a Fœtus, PETIT found Vessels passing from the Corpus Ciliare, over the fore part of the Capsule of the Lens.

WINSLOW afterwards observed, that in the Fœtus, and in new-born children, a fine injection succeeded so well as to discover the Vessels of the Membrana Crystallina and Vitrea;—and in a Fœtus of about six months, the injected liquor seemed to him to have penetrated a part of the Crystalline and Vitreous Humours.

ALBINUS derives these Vessels from a double source.—In the Eye of a Whale, he demonstrated Vessels passing from the Ciliary Processes to the Substance of the Lens;—and, at a later period, he injected in the human Eye, a small branch arising from the Central Artery of the Retina, which proceeded in a straight direction through the Vitreous Humour, and divided in the posterior part of the Capsule into numerous branches, many twigs of which plunged into the Substance of the Lens.

This artery and its branches have been frequently and successfully injected by succeeding Anatomists.

#### VITREOUS HUMOUR.

The *Vitreous Humour*, so called from its resemblance to melted Glass, is situated in the back-part of the Cavity of the Eye, which it occupies from the insertion of the Optic Nerve to the Surface of the Crystalline Lens.

It is round at the back-part and sides, where it is covered by the Retina, but is concave before, where it forms a bed for the Crystalline Lens.

It is by much the largest of the three Humours, occupying upwards of nine-tenths of the whole Eye, and has a Gelatinous appearance,—or is somewhat like the glaire of an Egg.

In an Adult it is always very transparent, and in an Old Person it does not, like the Lens, degenerate into a yellow, or any other colour.

In the Fœtus, like the Aqueous Humour, it is of a reddish colour.

The liquor with which the Vitreous Humour is filled, is similar to the Aqueous,—very fluid, transpires readily through the Capsule, though that Coat be entire, and, like the Aqueous Humour, is somewhat thicker, heavier, and more viscid than Water.

When this Humour is evacuated by puncture, in the living Body, it is very seldom, though sometimes renewed.

Upon the Surface of this Humour there is a Coat, termed *Vitrea*, as transparent as the Humour itself, and so thin and Cobweb-like, as to have the name of *Aranea*.

The *Tunica Vitrea* is remarkably smooth on its outer Surface; but within it sends Processes into the body of the Humour.

Some Authors, and among these WINSLOW, have described this Coat as consisting of two Laminæ, but SABATIER, and other late writers, seem sufficiently satisfied that it is a single Layer; and even this single Layer cannot be raised but with difficulty, though it is demonstrable by making a puncture to allow the Humour to escape, and by afterwards distending the part with air.

The structure of the Humour consists in a set of delicate Cells, which contain the liquor within them, as may be seen by the assistance of Acids, or by boiling Water, or by Congelation.

The Cells of the Humour communicate freely with each other, as appears from the liquor oozing out by the smallest puncture made in the general Capsule.

Under the Corpus Ciliare, the Capsule of the Vitreous Humour sends off an external Lamina, which accompanies the Retina, and is inserted with it into the fore-part of the Capsule of the Lens, a little before its anterior edge. It is termed *Membranula Coronæ Ciliaris*, or *Zonula Ciliaris*, from its Striated appearance and Circular form, and assists in fixing the Lens to the Vitreous Humour.

After sending off the Ciliary Zone, the Coat of the Vitreous Humour goes behind the Capsule of the Lens, to which it firmly adheres.

Between the Ciliary Zone and part where the Capsule of the Vitreous Humour adheres to that of the Lens,—which is at the same distance behind the edge of the Lens with the distance of the insertion of the Ciliary Zone before it,—a Passage is formed, named *Canalis Petitianus*, after PETIT, who discovered it.

The Membranes forming this Passage are pervaded by transverse Fibres, in such a manner, that when air is introduced, it goes freely round the edge of the Lens; but the Passage has a Cellular appearance, being contracted and dilated alternately.

The Canal of PETIT is nearly of the same breadth with the Corpus Ciliare, is always empty, and has no communication with the Capsules of the Vitreous or Crystalline Humours.

No Vessels are to be seen in the Vitreous Humour of an Adult, but in the Eye of a Fœtus, an Artery is observed to arise from the central one of the Retina, which passes through the middle of the Vitreous Humour, sending twigs to the Cellular Texture of this Humour, while the principal Trunk is continued to the Capsule of the Crystalline Lens, as has been already observed.

The Vitreous Humour serves to give shape to the Eye, to keep the Coats properly expanded, to preserve the due distance of the Lens, and direct the rays of light to the Retina.

#### MUSCLES OF THE BALL OF THE EYE.

The Ball of the Eye is moved by *six Muscles*, which are divided, on account of their direction, into *four straight* and *two oblique* Muscles, obtaining their respective names from their size, situation, direction, or use.

Of the straight Muscles, one is situated above the Eye, another below it, and one on each side. Of the oblique, one is placed at the upper and inner, and the other at the under and outer part of the Eye.

The *Recti* Muscles are not straight, as the name implies; for, on account of the situation of the Eye and shape of the Orbit, the internal, or that next the Nose, is the only one which runs in a straight direction.

Neither are they all equally long, the internal being the

the shortest, the external the longest, and the other two nearly of the same length.

The four straight Muscles, which bear a strong resemblance to each other, arise by a narrow beginning, a little Tendinous and Flethy, from the edge of the Foramen Opticum, where they embrace the Optic Nerve at its entrance into the Orbit.

In their passage forwards, they form Flethy Bellies, which send off broad and very thin Tendons, to be inserted into the Sclerotic Coat, under the Tunica Adnata, about a quarter of an inch behind the edge of the Cornea, and at equal distances from each other.

At the place of their insertion they are so intimately connected with the Sclerotica, that they cannot be separated from it, or be brought as far as the Cornea, without evident laceration.

The different Muscles of the Ball of the Eye, where they lie upon the Ball, are covered with a Cellular Sheath, which afterwards degenerates into that Cellular Substance which is interposed between the Sclerotica and Conjunctiva.

#### LEVATOR OCULI ;

Or *Rectus Attollens*, or *Superbus*.

*Origin* : From the upper-part of the Foramen Opticum, below the Levator Palpebræ Superioris.

*Insertion* : Into the upper and fore part of the Tunica Sclerotica.

*Action* : To raise the fore-part of the Ball of the Eye.

#### DEPRESSOR OCULI ;

Or *Rectus Deprimens*, or *Humilis*.

*Origin* : From the inferior part of the Foramen Opticum.

*Insertion* : Opposite to the former.

*Action* : To pull the fore-part of the Eye downwards.

#### ADDUCTOR OCULI ;

Or *Rectus Adducens*, or *Bibitorius*.

*Origin* : From the Foramen Opticum, between the Obliquus Superior and Depressor.

*Insertion* : Opposite to the inner angle.

*Action* : To turn the fore-part of the Eye towards the Nose.

## ABDUCTOR OCULI;

Or *Rectus Abducens*, or *Indignabundus*.

*Origin*: From the Bony Partition between the Foramen Opticum and Lacerum.

*Insertion*: Into the Ball of the Eye, opposite to the outer Angle.

*Action*: To turn the fore-part of the Eye towards the Temple.

When two of the opposite Recti Muscles, or all of them act together, they draw the Eye into the Orbit.

When two of the adjacent Recti Muscles act, they turn the fore-part of the Eye obliquely in a direction towards their Origins.

## OBLIQUUS SUPERIOR;

Or *Obliquus Major*, or *Trochlearis*.

*Origin*: Like the straight Muscles, from the edge of the Foramen Opticum, between the Levator and Abductor Oculi. From thence it runs straight forwards, sends off a long round Tendon, which passes through a Cartilaginous Pulley fixed behind the Internal Angular Process of the Os Frontis: From this it runs a little downwards, and returns backwards and outwards, passing under the Levator Oculi, to have its

*Insertion*, By a Broad thin Tendon, into the Tunica Sclerotica, about half-way between the insertion of the Levator Oculi and entrance of the Optic Nerve.

*Action*: To roll the Ball of the Eye, by turning the Pupil downwards and outwards.

## OBLIQUUS INFERIOR;

Or *Obliquus Minor*.

*Origin*: By a narrow beginning, from the anterior edge of the Orbital Process of the Superior Maxillary Bone, near the Lacrymal Groove, from which it passes obliquely outwards, backwards, and upwards, round the Ball of the Eye.

*Insertion*: By a Broad thin Tendon, into the Sclerotic Coat, between the entrance of the Optic Nerve and insertion of the Abductor Oculi, and opposite to the insertion of the Superior Oblique Muscle.

*Action*: To roll the Ball of the Eye, by turning the Pupil

Pupil upwards and inwards, and, with the assistance of the Superior Oblique Muscle, to pull the Eye forwards, thereby becoming an antagonist to the Recti Muscles.

The two Oblique Muscles, on account of rolling the Eye, and assisting it in the expression of certain passions, have been called *Rotatores*, or *Amatores*.

### VESSELS OF THE EYE.

The *Frontal*, *Fascial*, and *Temporal Arteries*, which are branches of the External and Internal Carotids, supply the Palpebræ, and communicate with those which are dispersed within the Orbit.

Some small branches of the *Internal Maxillary Artery* pass through the Inferior Orbital Fissure, to be dispersed chiefly upon the Periosteum of the Orbit and Fat of the Eye.

The *Ocular Artery*, which is a branch of the Internal Carotid, passes through the Foramen Opticum, in company with the Optic Nerve, and supplies the Fat, Muscles, and Ball of the Eye, and also the Lacrymal Gland and Tunica Conjunctiva.

The branches which belong to the Ball of the Eye, have the name of *Ciliares*:—They perforate the Sclerotic in different places, and are afterwards dispersed chiefly upon the Choroid Coat and Iris.

One branch of the Ocular Artery, called *Centralis Retinæ*, perforates the Optic Nerve, and is dispersed upon the Retina.

The *Veins* which correspond with the Arteries of the Eye, communicate freely with each other, and pass partly to the External Jugular Vein, by branches situated about the fore-part of the Orbit, and partly to the Internal Jugular Vein, by the Cavernous Sinus.

### NERVES OF THE EYE.

Besides the *Optic Nerve*, already taken notice of, the Eye receives the Third and Fourth Pairs, and branches from the first part of the Fifth Pair, together with the Sixth Pair, and branches from the Seventh.

The parts about the fore-side of the Orbit are supplied by branches from the Fifth and Seventh Pairs;—the Ball of the Eye by Nerves called *Ciliary*, which come from the Third and Fifth Pairs;—the Fat, Muscles, Lacrymal

mal Gland, &c. are supplied by the Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Pairs.

The *use* of the Eye is, to receive and collect the rays of light, in such a manner as to form upon the Retina the image or picture of the object which the Eye looks at; and the point where these different rays meet is called the *Focus*.

The object is painted upon the Retina in an *Inverted* manner, the rays from above falling upon its under, and those from below upon its upper part; and it is supposed to be by habit, or rather by instinct, that we judge of the *real* situation of any object.

That the rays of light may terminate distinctly on the Retina, it is necessary that both the Cornea and Crystalline Lens should have a certain degree of convexity.

If either the one or the other be too prominent, the Focus will be formed before it reach the Retina, as is the case in short-sighted people, who require concave glasses to enable them to see objects distinctly, at the proper and ordinary distance.

If, on the contrary, the Cornea or Lens be too flat, or the refractive power of the Humours be in any way diminished, the Focus will then be imperfectly formed, till the object is viewed at a greater distance than ordinary, as is the case with persons advanced in life, to whom the assistance of convex glasses becomes necessary.

How an object, viewed with both Eyes, appears single, has been ascribed by the generality of Authors to custom and habit; and by others to instinct, which regulates the uniform motion of the Eye, and the accurate application of both to one point.

The Eye is enabled to judge of, or accommodate itself to objects at different distances, by the action of its Muscles increasing or diminishing the length of its Axis, and by the motions of the Iris allowing a greater or smaller quantity of light to be thrown into the Eye.

## OF THE NOSE.



THE *Nose*, which is the Organ of Smell, and contributes to the general purpose of Respiration, is divided into the External Prominent Part, and the Internal Cavity, which is separated by the Septum Narium into two smaller Cavities;—or, it is divided into Hard and Soft parts.

The External part, or Nose, properly so called, is composed superiorly of Bones, inferiorly of Cartilages, and has a partial covering from the Muscles, and a general one from the common Integuments.

On the outside of the Nose are observed,—the *Radix*, or upper part;—the *Dorsum*, or middle prominence;—the *Apex*, or point;—the *Alæ*, or lateral moveable parts;—and *Columna*, or under part of the Partition next the Upper Lip.

The Osseous part of the Nose is formed by the *Ossa Nasi*, properly so called, the *Ossa Maxillaria*, and *Os Frontis*, which constitute the upper and fore part:

By the *Os Ethmoides* and *Ossa Unguis*, which form the upper, inner, and lateral parts:

And by the *Ossa Maxillaria Superioria*, *Ossa Palati*, *Os Sphenoides*, *Ossa Spongiosa Inferiora*, and *Vomer*, which form the under, inner, and back part.

The two Cavities, or *Nostrils*, terminate anteriorly in the Face, and posteriorly in the Fauces, and are much enlarged by the different Sinuses which communicate with them.

The under and fore part of the Nose consists of *five Cartilages*, of a somewhat regular figure, and of some smaller pieces, which are more irregular, and of an indeterminate number.

Of the five Cartilages, one is situated in the middle, and the other four laterally.

The middle Cartilage is the most considerable, and supports the rest: It constitutes the Cartilaginous part of the Septum Narium, and is joined to the anterior edge of the Nasal Lamella of the Ethmoid Bone, to the  
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anterior edge of the Vomer, and to the fore-part of the Spinous Process of the Superior Maxillary Bones.

Of the lateral Cartilages, two are placed anteriorly, forming by their curved union the Tip of the Nose; and two posteriorly, which form the *Alæ Nasi*.

Between the anterior and posterior Cartilages, are spaces filled with additional Cartilages, the number, size, and figure, varying in different bodies.

The elasticity of the Cartilages contributes to the defence of the Nose against external injuries.

The Nose is covered by the common Integuments, and perforated at its under and outer part by the Ducts of Sebaceous Glands, the contents of which may be readily squeezed out by the pressure of the Fingers.

The Cartilages of the Nose are moved in different directions, by the following Muscles, which have been already described, viz. the *Compressor Narium*, the *Nasal* part of the *Frontal* Muscle, the *Levator* and *Depressor Labii Superioris Alæque Nasi*.—The Nose may also be moved by the neighbouring Muscles, which, in many instances, become assistants to the others.

The internal Nares or Cavities of the Nose extend upwards to the Cribriform Plate of the Ethmoid, and to the Body of the Sphenoid Bone.

At the inner side they are bounded by the Septum Narium, which is formed by the Nasal Lamella of the Ethmoid Bone, by the Vomer, and by the middle Cartilage of the Nose.

On the outside, or that next the Cheek, the *Ossa Spongiosa* project a considerable way into their Cavities, and increase the Surface of the Membrane of the Nose, for enlarging the Organ of Smell.

In animals which smell acutely, the *Ossa Spongiosa* are remarkably large and complex.

The bottom of the Nostrils runs directly backwards, so that a straight probe may be passed through either of them to the Throat.

In the fore-part of the Nostrils there are stiff Hairs, called *Vibrissæ*, which prevent the Mucus from constantly flowing out, and insects, or other extraneous matter, from entering.

The general Cavity of each Nostril is divided by the *Ossa Spongiosa* into *three Meatus*, or *Passages*, which run from before backwards, and are described by HALLER according to their situations, viz.

The

The *Meatus Narium Superior*, placed at the upper, inner, and back-part of the Superior Spongy Bone.

The *Meatus Medius*, situated between the Superior and Inferior Spongy Bones.

The *Meatus Inferior*, situated between the Inferior Spongy Bone and bottom of the Nose.

The inside of the Nose is lined with a thick Spongy Membrane, termed *Mucosa*, or *Pituitaria* of SCNEIDER, or *Schneideriana*, which lines the whole internal Nares, and is also continued to the different Sinuses, to the Lacrymal Sacs and Palatine Ducts, to the Pharynx, Palate, and Eustachian Tubes.

This Membrane is very *Vascular* and *Nervous*, and is the primary Organ of Smelling. It is constantly lubricated and preserved in a proper degree of moisture by the *Mucus* of the Nose, which is discharged upon its Surface from numerous small Follicles.

The different *Sinuses* of the Bones of the Head, after having run obliquely backwards in a short winding direction, terminate by small openings in the Cavity of the Nose.

The *Frontal Sinuses* pass downwards into the anterior Ethmoid Cells, which terminate in the upper part of the Nose, behind the beginning of the Lacrymal Sacs.

Besides the Passages common to the Frontal Sinuses and anterior Ethmoid Cells, there are others proper to the Posterior Ethmoid Cells, which terminate in the upper and back-part of the Nose, near the openings of the Sphenoid Sinuses.

The *Sphenoid Sinuses* open, behind the Cells of the Ethmoid Bone, into the upper and back-part of the Nose.

The *Maxillary Sinuses* open at their upper and inner sides, by one, and sometimes two passages, into the middle of the space between the Superior and Inferior Spongy Bones, nearly opposite to the under edge of the Orbits.

At the upper part of the Maxillary Sinuses, *Appendices*, described by HALLER, are sometimes found, which communicate with the Ethmoid Cells.

The Sides, or Walls of the Maxillary Sinuses, are formed of thin Plates of Bone, excepting where the Processes project and give them additional strength. Below, they have only thin Plates between them and the Dentes

Molares, the roots of which are sometimes found to perforate the Septum.

The different Sinuses are lined with a continuation of the *Membrana Schneideriana*; but in these it is thinner, less Vascular and Nervous, than that part of the Membrane which lines the general Cavity of the Nose.

They are constantly moistened, but not filled with a fluid.

The Sinuses increase and modulate the voice: Their hollow structure renders the Bones lighter; but they do not appear to constitute part of the Organ of Smell.

Their passages being directed backwards, prevent any kind of extraneous matter from getting into them.

The *Lacrymal Sac* is a Membranous Canal, situated in the Lacrymal Groove, formed by the Superior, Maxillary, Lacrymal, and Inferior Spongy Bones.

The *Osseous Duct*, in its descent, runs a little obliquely backwards to the lower and lateral part of the Cavity of the Nose, where it terminates at the inner and fore-part of the Antrum Maxillare, under the Os Spongiosum Inferius, a little behind the anterior extremity of that Bone, and in a direct line upwards from the second Dens Molaris.

The upper part of the Osseous Passage forms only a semi-canal, the under end a complete one.

The Lacrymal Sac is situated in the upper part of the Lacrymal Groove, behind the Tendon of the Orbicularis Muscle of the Eye-lids. About a fourth part of the Sac is situated above the Tendon, forming a kind of *Intestinum Cæcum*, and the rest is placed below.

Towards the inner angle of the Eye, behind the Tendon of the Orbicularis Muscle, the Sac is perforated by the Lacrymal Ducts.

The under part of the Sac becoming a little narrower, but without forming any Valve, passes into the Nose, under the name of *Lacrymal Duct*, *Canalis Nasalis*, or *Ductus ad Nasum*, and terminates at the inferior extremity of the Osseous Canal.

The substance of the Lacrymal Sac and Duct is similar to that of the *Membrana Schneideriana*, is defended with the same kind of Mucus with which this Membrane is lubricated, and is firmly connected to the Periosteum of the Osseous Canal.

The use of this passage is,—to convey the superfluous Tears

Tears to the Nose, so as to prevent them from passing over the Cheek.

The *Ductus Incisivus*, or *Nasalo-Palatinus* of STENO, is a small Canal, which, as has been already observed in the description of the Bones, is only sometimes met with in the Human Body, though it is always to be found in the Ox, Horse, Sheep, &c.

When present, it takes its origin from a small Pit, formed in the fore-part of the bottom of the Nostril, under the termination of the Lacrymal Duct. It runs obliquely downwards and forwards, placed in such a manner as to receive and conduct Tears into the Mouth.

The *Arteries* of the Nose come chiefly from the external Carotids.

Those of the outer part of the Nose come from the Facial and Internal Maxillary Arteries;—those of the inner, from the Maxillares Internæ;—and a few twigs are furnished by the Ocular Arteries.

The *Veins* go to the External Jugulars;—they likewise communicate with the Ocular veins, and of course with the Lateral Sinuses and Internal Jugulars.

The *Nerves* with which the outer part of the Nose is chiefly supplied, come from the second branch of the Fifth, and from the Portio Dura of the Seventh Pair.

The inner part is principally supplied by the First, or Olfactory Nerves, and by some branches from the first and second portions of the Fifth Pair.

## OF THE EAR.

THE EAR, or Organ of Hearing, is divided into the *External* and *Internal Ear*.

## EXTERNAL EAR.

The *External Ear* comprehends the *Auricle*, or *Ear*, properly so called, and the *Meatus Auditōrius Externus*.

It is again divided into the *Pinna*, or *Ala*, which constitutes by much the greater part of it;—and *Lobus*, which is placed at its under end.

The *Pinna* or *Ala*, is chiefly composed of Cartilage, and is divided, at its fore-part, into several *Eminences* and *Cavities*, which have obtained particular names, viz.

The *Helix*, or outer Bar, or Margin, so called from its winding direction. It arises behind at the Lobe of the Ear, surrounds its upper edge, and terminates below, nearly opposite to its origin, dividing the *Concha* into two parts.

The *Antihelix*, *Anthelix*, or inner Bar or Margin, which is situated within the former, and is composed superiorly of two Ridges, uniting together below.

The *Tragus*, so called from the Hairs which frequently grow from it having a resemblance to the beard of a Goat.

It is a small Eminence which lies over the *Meatus Externus*, and is connected to the under and fore-part of the *Helix*.

The *Antitragus*, so named from its being opposite to the *Tragus*, below the posterior extremity of the *Antihelix*.

The *Cavitas Innominata*, situated between the *Helix* and *Antihelix*.

The *Scapha*, or *Fossa Navicularis*,—compared in shape to that of a Boat,—situated between the two limbs of the *Antihelix*.

The *Concha*, so called from its resemblance to a Fish-shell of that name. It is a large Cavity under the *Antihelix*,

helix, divided by the Helix into two parts, the inferior of which leads to the Meatus Auditorius.

The back-part of the External Ear exhibits only one considerable *Eminence*, which is the convex Surface of the Concha.

The *Lobus*, which is the inferior soft part of the Ear, is composed of Cellular Substance, with a small quantity of Fat.

The Ear is covered by a continuation of the common Integuments, which is thinner here than on the rest of the Body, and is perforated in many parts by the mouths of Sebaceous Ducts, which are placed immediately under the Skin.

The motions of the Ear, which are very limited, are regulated by several *Muscles*, some of which are common to the Ear and Head, and others proper to the Ear itself. The common Muscles have been already described. The Muscles proper to the Ear lie close upon the Cartilage, and, in the generality of subjects, are so thin, white, and indistinct, as to receive from some Authors the name of *Muscular Membranes*.—They are as follow.

#### HELICIS MAJOR.

*Origin*: From the anterior acute part of the Helix, upon which it ascends.

*Insertion*: Into the Helix.

*Action*: To pull that part into which it is inserted a little downwards and forwards.

#### HELICIS MINOR.

*Origin*: From the under and fore-part of the Helix.

*Insertion*: Into the Helix, near the Fissure in the Cartilage opposite to the Concha.

*Action*: To contract the Fissure.

#### TRAGICUS.

*Origin*: From the middle and outer part of the Concha, at the root of the Tragus, along which it runs.

*Insertion*: Into the point of the Tragus.

*Action*: To pull the point of the Tragus a little forwards.

#### ANTITRAGICUS.

*Origin*: From the internal part of the Antitragus, upon which it runs upwards.

*Insertion*: Into the tip of the Antitragus, as far as the inferior part of the Antihelix, where there is a Fissure in the Cartilage.

*Action*: To turn the tip of the Antitragus a little outwards, and depress the extremity of the Antihelix towards it.

### TRANSVERSUS AURIS.

*Origin*: From the prominent part of the Concha, on the Dorsum, or back-part of the Ear.

*Insertion*: Into the outside of the Antihelix.

*Action*: To draw the parts to which it is connected towards each other, and to stretch the Scapha and Concha.

The *use* of the External Ear is to collect the sound, and convey it to the Meatus Externus,—the Muscles giving tension to it, so as to render the sounds more distinct.

The Cartilage of the External Ear is *connected* to the Temporal Bone by the common Integuments, and by its Muscles; and is furnished with Ligamentous Membranes, which fix it to the roots of the Zygoma and of the Mastoid Process.

The *Meatus Auditorius Externus* leads inwards, from the Concha, and in its course proceeds forwards and upwards, turning a little downwards at its farthest extremity, and terminating at the Membrana Tympani.—The turns, however, are so inconsiderable, that the bottom of the passage can be readily seen in a clear light, upon pulling the ear backwards.

It is somewhat of an *oval* form, a little contracted in the middle, and upwards of an inch in length.

Its outer end, which is a continuation of the Concha, is Cartilaginous, and has two or three *Interruptions* or *Fissures* in it.

On the upper and back-part of its circumference, there is a *Large Interruption* terminating in an oblique Margin, which is fixed to the rough edge, at the under part of the Osseous portion of the Meatus.

At the upper and back-part of the Meatus, the Cartilage has but little connection with the Bones, being there fixed by the Skin which lines the Canal.

The Osseous Canal is continued from the Cartilage of the

the Meatus, and is the longer of the two, particularly at the upper and back-part of the Passage.

The Meatus is lined with a continuation of the Skin, which fills up the interruptions in the Cartilage, but is thinner than on the rest of the Body.

Under the Skin of the Meatus, and near its outer end, there are numerous small Glands, of a yellowish colour, placed in a Reticular Substance, formed of the Corpus Mucosum, and termed *Glandulæ Ceruminosæ*, which discharge the Wax of the Ear through small Excretory Ducts.

The *Arteries* of the External Ear come anteriorly from the Temporal, and posteriorly from the Occipital, both of which are branches of the External Carotid Artery.

The *Veins* pass partly to the External, and partly to the Internal Jugulars.

The fore-part of the Ear is supplied with *Nerves* from the third of the Fifth, and from the Portio Dura of the Seventh Pair; the under and back-part, by branches from the first and second Cervicals.

The Meatus Externus conveys the sound from the Outer towards the Inner Ear, and is supposed to do this to greater advantage, on account of the winding nature of the Passage.

The Wax lubricates the Passage, and defends it from the injuries of the air, and being of a viscid and bitter quality, assists in the exclusion of insects.

In the Fœtus, the Meatus is entirely Cartilaginous, and only adheres to an imperfect Bony Circle, in which the Membrana Tympani is fixed.

At the inner end of the Meatus Externus, the *Membrana Tympani* is situated, which has its name from covering the outer part of the *Tympanum* or *Drum* of the Ear.

It is firm, almost transparent, and of an oval form.

It is fixed in a *Groove* which divides the Meatus from the Tympanum.

It is very tense, but has a small *depression* in the middle next the Meatus, with a corresponding *convexity* towards the Tympanum, where the extremity of the Malleus is fixed to it.

Its situation is somewhat oblique, the upper part being turned outwards, and the under inwards, so that the lower side of the Meatus is a little longer than the upper.

It

It forms a complete *Septum*, and has no hole in it, such as has been described by some Authors.

It is formed partly of a continuation of the Lining of the Meatus, but chiefly of the Periosteum.

The Membrana Tympani has numerous small *Vessels* from the Temporal and Stylo-mastoid Arteries, which run in a radiated manner, and which are most abundant in the Foetus.

It is the Conductor of Sound from the Outer to the Inner Ear.

In the Foetus, this Membrane is fixed in an imperfect Ring of Bone, and, along with the Meatus, is covered with a Mucous Membrane, which defends the parts from the too strong impulse of Sound.

### THE INTERNAL EAR.

The *Internal Ear* comprehends the *Tympanum*, *Labyrinth*, and certain *Passages* leading into these.

The *Tympanum*, or *Drum* of the Ear, is situated at the inner side of the Membrana Tympani, approaches to a hemispherical figure, and is about half an inch in width.

Between the Tympanum and Cavity called Labyrinth, there is an *Ossæous Septum*, which forms the bottom of the Tympanum, where there are several *Eminences*, viz.

The *Promontory*, which forms the beginning of the Scala Tympani, and divides the Tympanum into anterior and posterior regions.

A *Protuberance* at the upper and back-part of the Tympanum, formed by the Aquæductus Fallopii.

A *Projection*, called *Eminentia Pyramidalis Tympani*, situated behind the Feneſtra Ovalis, in which is the Passage for the Stapedius Muscle.

An *Eminence* at the upper and fore-part of the Tympanum, containing a semi canal, for lodging part of the Tensor Tympani Muscle.

In the Tympanum there are various *Passages*, which communicate with the neighbouring parts, viz.

The *Iter a Palato ad Aurē*, or *Eustachian Tube*, which goes off from the upper and fore-part of the Tympanum, and runs obliquely forwards and inwards to the posterior opening of the Noſtril, and terminates at its outer edge, above the arch of the Palate.

The posterior part of the Tube is formed in the Pars  
Petroſa,

Petrosa, at the upper and outer part of the Canal for the Carotid Artery.

The anterior portion is formed above, by the Spinous Process, and root of the Pterygoid Process of the Sphenoid Bone;—and below, by Cartilage and Membrane.

It is narrow next the Ear, where it can only admit the point of a Surgeon's probe; but becomes gradually wider towards the Nose, where it terminates by an oblique opening with prominent sides, sufficiently large to admit a Goose-quill.

It is lined by a Membrane similar to that of the Nose, of which it appears to be a continuation; and on the edge of the Mouth of the Tube, it is so thick as to add considerably to its prominency.

The Eustachian Tube preserves the balance of Air between the Outer and Inner Ear, and prevents it from pressing too forcibly upon the different Membranes placed in the sides of the Tympanum.

It has been supposed to convey the sound of a person's own Voice to the Inner Ear; but experiment does not favour this opinion, nor is it found to render Sound more distinct when the Mouth is open;—though persons who are dull of hearing are observed frequently to listen after this manner.

The *Cells of the Mastoid Process*, which open into the upper and back-part of the Tympanum, opposite to, but a little higher than the Eustachian Tube.

They are very irregular, and have many windings and turnings, which communicate freely with each other, and are lined, like the Cells of other Bones, with the Periosteum Internum.

They assist the Tympanum in reflecting the Sound.

In Quadrupeds which hear acutely, there are large Cavities connected with the Tympanum, which seem to supply the place of Mastoid Cells.

Above the Promontory, a *Hole*, called *Fenestra Ovalis*, the upper and under edges of which are convex upwards,—for lodging the Base of the Stapes.

The inner edges of this Hole are contracted by a narrow border, upon which the end of the Stapes rests.

Below the *Fenestra Ovalis*, and at the under and back-part of the Promontory, a *Hole*, smaller than the former, called *Fenestra Rotunda*.

It is placed obliquely backwards and outwards, leads  
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to the Cochlea, but is shut up by a Membrane which assists in communicating Sound to the Labyrinth.

The *Sides*, or *Walls* of the Tympanum, which likewise assist in conveying Sound to the Labyrinth, are lined with Periosteum, which is reflected into the different Passages leading from it.

The Cavity of the Tympanum contains four small Bones, called *Officula Auditus*, which form a chain stretching across from the Membrana Tympani to the Labyrinth.

The *Officula Auditus* are,—the *Malleus*, the *Incus*, the *Os Orbiculare*, and the *Stapes*;—these names being derived from substances which they are supposed to resemble in shape.

The *Malleus*, or *Hammer*, consists of a round Head, a small Neck, a Manubrium or Handle, and two small Processes, one in the neck, long and very slender, and therefore called *Gracilis*; the other in the upper end of the Handle, called *Processus brevis*.

The *Handle* is by some Authors considered as one of the Processes, and is then called the longest of the three. It forms an angle with the Neck, becomes gradually smaller, and is bent, at its extremity, towards the Membrana Tympani.

In the natural situation, the *Head* is turned upwards and inwards, and the *Handle* down upon the Membrana Tympani, to which it adheres.

The *Incus*, compared in shape to an *Anvil*, but more resembling one of the *Dentes Molares*, with its roots widely separated, is situated behind the Malleus, and is formed of a *Body*, and two *Crura* of unequal lengths.

The *Body* has a *Cavity* and two *Eminences*, corresponding to that part of the Malleus with which it is articulated.

The *short Crus* extends backwards, and is joined by a Ligament to the edge of the Mastoid opening.

The *long Crus* is turned downwards, with the point a little flattened, and bent inwards.

The *Os Orbiculare* is the smallest Bone of the Body, being considerably less than a grain of Mustard-seed.

It is articulated with the point of the long Process of the Incus, and is so firmly fixed to it, that in separating the small Bones of the Ear from each other, it is apt to adhere to the Incus, and has on this account been frequently considered as a Process of that Bone.

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The *Stapes* is named from a striking resemblance it has to a *Stirrup*. It is divided into *Head*, *Crura*, and *Base*.

The *Head* is placed upon a small flat neck, and is articulated with the *Os Orbiculare*.

The *Crura*, like those of the *Incus*, are unequal in length, and have a groove within, which is occupied by a Membrane.

The *Base* is of an oval shape, and has no perforation in it. Its edges correspond with those of the *Fenestra Ovalis*, with which it is articulated.

The *Stapes* is placed horizontally, being nearly at a right angle with the inferior *Crus* of the *Incus*.—Its two *Crura* are placed in the same plane,—the longest backwards.

The small Bones of the Ear are articulated with each other by *Capsular Ligaments*, proportioned to their size, and are covered by the *Periosteum*, which likewise fixes them to the *Membrana Tympani* and *Fenestra Ovalis*.

The small Bones have the following *Muscles* fixed to them, which serve for their different motions.

#### TENSOR TYMPANI, Or *Internus Auris*.

*Origin*: From the Cartilaginous extremity of the Eustachian Tube, near the entry of the Artery of the *Dura Mater*. From thence, its fleshy Belly runs backwards in a Canal peculiar to it, at the upper and inner part of the Osseous Portion of the Tube, being covered only by a thin plate of Bone. It sends off a slender Tendon, which makes a turn in the *Tympanum*, and passes outwards.

*Insertion*: Into the posterior part of the Handle of the *Malleus*, a little below the root of its long Process.

*Action*: To pull the *Malleus* and *Membrana Tympani* inwards, by which the Membrane is rendered more concave and tense, and better adapted for the impression of weak sounds.

#### LAXATOR TYMPANI.

*Origin*: By a very small beginning, from the extremity of the Spinous Process of the Sphenoid Bone, behind the entry of the Artery of the *Dura Mater*; after which it runs backwards and a little upwards, at the outside of the Eustachian Tube, in a Fissure of the *Os Temporis*, near the Fossa which lodges the Condyle of the Lower Jaw.

*Insertion*:

*Insertion* : Into the long Process of the Malleus, within the Tympanum.

*Action* : To draw the Malleus obliquely forwards and outwards, and thereby to render the Membrana Tympani less convex, or to relax it when Sounds are too strong.—HALLER denies the existence of Muscular Fibres in this Substance.—SABATIER describes it, but doubts of its Muscularity.

#### STAPEDIUS.

*Origin* : By a small Flethy Belly, from a little cavern in the Pars Petrosa, near the Cells of the Mastoid Process. Its Tendon passes forwards through a small Hole in that Cavern, and goes into the Tympanum.

*Insertion* : Into the posterior part of the Head of the Stapes.

*Action* : To draw the Head of the Stapes obliquely upwards and backwards, by which the posterior part of its Base is moved inwards, and the anterior part outwards, and the Membrana Tympani thereby put upon the stretch.

#### LABYRINTH.

The *Labyrinth*, so called from its Sinuosities and windings, is situated at the inner part of the Tympanum, and is formed of the *Vestible*, *Cochlea*, and *Semicircular Canals*, together with the *Canalis Fallopii* and *Meatus Auditorius Internus*.

The *Vestible*, named from its forming a porch or entry to the Cochlea and Semicircular Canals, is of an oval figure, nearly of the size and shape of a clean grain of Barley, and is situated at the inner side of the Base of the Stapes.

There are three contiguous *Cavities* in the Vestible, one of which, the *Semi-oval*, is situated above; another, the *Hemispherical*, below; and the third, or *Sulciform*, which is the orifice of the Aquæductus Vestibuli, is placed behind.

In the Vestible there are several Holes which communicate with the neighbouring parts, viz.

The *Fenestra Ovalis*, situated at the outside, by which it communicates with the Tympanum.

A round Hole, situated at the fore and under part, by which it communicates with one of the Canals of the Cochlea.

*Five Similar Foramina* behind, by which it communicates with the Semicircular Canals.

Next the *Meatus Auditorius Internus*, it has four or five *Cribriform Perforations*, for the transmission of Nerves.

The *Cochlea* is situated next the anterior extremity of the *Os Petrosum*, and at the fore-part of the *Vestible*, in such a manner as to have its Base towards the *Meatus Auditorius Internus*, and its Apex in the opposite direction,—or facing outwards.

It has two *Canals* or *Gyri*, called *Scalæ*, from a supposed resemblance to Stair-cases, the *Gyri* or Turns of which are very close to each other, and run in a spiral direction, like the Shell of a Snail, from which the part has obtained its name.

The *Cochlea* forms *two Circumvolutions* or Turns and a half, the first of which is much larger and wider than the other Turn and a half, which become suddenly smaller.

The two Canals are upon the same level, the inner one next the Base, and the outer next the point of the *Cochlea*.

The *Gyri* go round a Nucleus, Axis, or central Pillar, which is nearly horizontal, and is formed of *two hollow Cones*, with their points turned to each other, the one termed *Modiolus*, from its resemblance to the Spindle of a winding Stair-case, the other *Infundibulum*, or Funnel.

The *Modiolus* forms the inner and larger portion of the central Pillar, and is that Cavity seen in the under and fore-part of the *Meatus Auditorius Internus*.

It lodges that branch of the *Portio Mollis* of the Seventh Pair of Nerves, which goes to the *Cochlea*, and is *Cribriform*, or full of small Holes for the passage of the twigs of that branch.

The *Modiolus* consists of *two Plates*, with numerous *Cells* and *Passages* between them, and terminates in the middle of the second *Gyrus* of the *Cochlea*.

The *Infundibulum* is an imperfect Funnel, the Apex of which is common with that of the *Modiolus*, and the Base is covered by the Apex of the *Cochlea*, which is termed *Cupola*.

Between the *Scalæ* of the *Cochlea* there is a Partition, called *Lamina Spiral*, or *Septum Scalæ*, the larger portion of which, next the *Modiolus*, is formed of Bone: The remainder, or that part next the opposite side of the *Scalæ*, is Membranous, and termed by VALSALVA *Zona*

*Cochleæ*.—This drops out by maceration, so as afterwards to leave only a partial Septum.

The Osseous part of the *Lamina Spiralis* is composed of *two extremely thin Cribriform Plates*, which gradually approach each other at their opposite edges, where they are perforated by numerous Holes.

The termination of the *Lamina Spiralis*, and of the *Scala Tympani*, forms a *Hamulus*, or small Hook, which projects into the *Infundibulum*.

One of the Canals or *Scalæ* of the *Cochlea*, opens into the under and fore-part of the *Vestible*, and is termed *Scala Vestibuli*: The other, which is the smaller of the two, communicates with the *Tympanum* by the *Fenestra Rotunda*, and is called *Scala Tympani*.

The Partition between the two *Gyri* or Turns of the *Cochlea*, like the Osseous part of the *Lamina Spiralis*, is formed of *two Plates*, with a small *Cavity* between them.

The *Volute*, or Spiral of the *Cochlea*, begins below, runs forwards, and then round, so as to form, as has been already mentioned, two Circles or Turns and a half, the direction of the *Gyri* corresponding with those of the Shell of a Snail.

The Canals of the *Cochlea* are conical, becoming gradually smaller towards the *Apex*, where they communicate freely with each other, through the medium of the *Infundibulum*.—This communication is called by CASSEBOHM, who gives the fullest Treatise upon the Ear, *Canalis Sclarum Communis*.

The *Semicircular Canals* are three in number,—the *Superior* or *Vertical*,—the *Posterior* or *Oblique*,—and the *Exterior* or *Horizontal*.

The *Superior* is placed transversely, in the upper part of the *Pars Petrofa*, with its convex side upwards.

The *Posterior* is farther back than the former one, and is parallel to the length of the *Pars Petrofa*, with the convex side turned backwards.—One of its extremities is placed above, and the other below, the upper extremity joining with the internal one of the *Vertical Canal*, by which a common Canal is formed.

The *Exterior* is less than the other two, which are more of an equal size, is placed next the *Tympanum*, and has its extremities and curvatures nearly upon the same plane;—with the curve placed backwards.

Each of the Canals forms upwards of three-fourths of a circle, can admit the head of a small Pin, and has an

Enlargement,

Enlargement, Ampulla, or Cavitas Elliptica, at one end, the other extremity being nearly of the same size with the rest of the Canal.

The *Orifices* are only five in number, two of the Canals having a common termination. Of these Orifices, three are situated at the inside, and two at the outside of the Vestible, into the posterior part of which they open.

In the bottom of the Meatus Auditorius Internus, which is situated in the posterior Surface of the Pars Petrosa, there is a large under, and a small upper *Fossula*, separated by a sharp Ridge.

The fore-part of the inferior Fossula leads towards the Cochlea, and is perforated with numberless *small Holes*, through which branches of the Portio Mollis of the Seventh Pair of Nerves pass to the Cochlea.

One Hole in the centre, larger than the rest, transmits a branch of that Nerve to the Infundibulum.—This Hole, however, is frequently enlarged, in consequence of the Bone, which is extremely thin, being broken while preparing it.

In the back-part of the inferior Fossula, three or four *Cribiform Holes* appear, for the transmission of branches of that part of the Portio Mollis destined for the Vestible and Semicircular Canals.

In the upper Fossula of the Meatus Internus, there are *two Passages*, one posterior and smaller, transmitting Nerves into the Elliptical Cavity of the Vestible.

The other, the anterior and largest, is termed *Canalis*, or *Aquæductus Fallopii*,—from a resemblance it bears to an Italian Aqueduct, and serves for the transmission of the Portio Dura of the Seventh Pair of Nerves.

The *Canal of Fallopius* goes through the upper part of the Pars Petrosa, passes downwards and backwards between the Foramen Ovale and external Semicircular Canal, and terminates in the Foramen Stylo-Mastoideum.

In its passage through the Pars Petrosa, it communicates with the Foramen Innominatum, situated on the upper and fore-part of the Process.

In Children, the Labyrinth is almost as large as in Adults, its Substance complete and hard, while the Bone which surrounds it is soft and spongy; on which account it is easily separated from the rest of the Pars Petrosa.

The different Cavities and Passages of the Labyrinth are lined with the Periosteum, which in the Vestible

fills the *Fenestra Ovalis*, and of consequence covers the Base of the *Stapes*.

The *Periostea* of the two Canals of the *Cochlea* form, by their union, the Membranous portion of the *Lamina Spiralis*, which, together with the *Ossæous* part, completes the *Septum* between the two *Scalæ*.

The *Periosteum* of the *Cochlea* also assists that of the *Tympanum*, in forming the Membrane of the *Fenestra Rotunda*, and which is sometimes called *Membrana Tympani Secundarii*, from a resemblance to the *Membrana Tympani*, and from being, like it, a little concave on the outer, and convex on the inner Surface, or where it faces the *Scala* to which it belongs.

Besides the *Periosteum*, the *Vestible*, *Cochlea*, and *Semicircular Canals* contain a *Pulpy Membrane*, upon which the *Portio Mollis* is irregularly dispersed.

In the *Vestible*, the *Pulpy Membrane* forms a *Sac*, in shape, resembling that of the *Ossæous Cavity* which contains it, and which is described and beautifully delineated by *SCARPA*.

When the *Sac* is laid open upon the upper and outer part, a *Partition* appears, of the nature of the *Sac*, termed by *Dr MECKEL*, *Septum Vestibuli Nervoso-membranaceum*.

In the *Cochlea*, the *Pulpy Membrane* is in contact with the *Periosteum*, but can be separated from that Membrane without much difficulty.

In the *Semicircular Canals*, it is at some distance from the *Periosteum* of these *Bones*, and is considerably smaller, but, like them, it forms distinct Tubes, which communicate with the *Vestible*. Like the *Ossæous Canals* also, the *Membranous Canals* form *Ampullæ*, or *Elliptic Cavities* at one end.

The *Arteries* of the *Labyrinth* arise by one or two small branches, chiefly from the *Vertebral Artery*, and pass through the *Cribriform Plate*, at the bottom of the *Meatus Externus* which belongs to the *Labyrinth*.

From the *Labyrinth* one or two *Veins* return, and terminate in the end of the *Lateral Sinus*.

The *Cavity* of the *Vestible* contains no *Air*, but is constantly filled with a *Watery Fluid*, supposed to be secreted from the *Arteries* of the *Periosteum*, and which is found to resemble the *Aqueous Humour* of the *Eye*.

The *Aqueous Fluid* fills the *Vestible* and *Scalæ* of the *Cochlea*, and likewise surrounds the *Membranous Semicircular Canals*.

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The *Aqua Labyrinthi* is considered as a medium by which sounds are communicated from the Membrane filling the round and oval Holes, and from the Base of the Stapes to the Pulpy Membrane placed in it.

The superfluous part of the *Aqua Labyrinthi* is supposed by COTUNNIUS to be carried off by two small *Conical Ducts*, more particularly described by him than by some preceding Anatomists, who were partly acquainted with them, but considered them as Blood-vessels.

One of the Aqueducts of COTUNNIUS, called *Aquæductus Cochleæ*, begins at the under part of the Scala Tympani, near the Fenestra Rotunda, and, after passing through the Pars Petrosa, is seen, in the figures he gives of it, terminating by a wide triangular opening, upon the surface of the Dura Mater, between the passages of the Seventh and Eighth Pair of Nerves.

The other Duct, called *Aquæductus Vestibuli*, begins under the termination of the common Canal, in the Vestible, from which it descends, and terminates by a triangular opening between the Layers of the Dura Mater, behind the Meatus Internus, and half way between the upper edge of the Pars Petrosa and Diverticulum of the Internal Jugular Vein.

For a full account of these Ducts, and of the other parts of the Labyrinth, see a Description of them by Dr MECKEL of Berlin.

The Nerves of the Labyrinth are derived entirely from the Seventh Pair.

The Auditory Nerve is composed of two branches, one of which is called *Portio Dura*, and is harder than the other, termed *Portio Mollis*.

The Trunk of the Auditory Nerve passes into the Meatus Externus, covered by the investing Membrane of the Brain.

The *Portio Dura* goes through the Canalis Fallopii, sending off, in its passage, branches through Perforations in its sides, to the Stapedius Muscle and Mastoid Cells.

One reflected branch passing through the Foramen Innominate, in the Pars Petrosa, forms a connection between the *Portio Dura* and the second part of the Fifth Pair.

Another, called *Chorda Tympani*, passes across the Cavity of the Tympanum, between the inferior Crus of the Incus and handle of the Malleus, and at the outside of the Eustachian Tube, to join the Lingual branch of the

Fifth Pair. In its passage, it supplies the Muscles of the Malleus, and Membranes, &c. of the Tympanum.

The remainder of the Portio Dura is dispersed upon the Face.

The *Portio Mollis* is divided into two principal parts,—one to the Cochlea, the other to the Vestible.

The branches of the Cochlea pass through the Cribiform Plates of the Modiolus, to the Pulpy Membrane lying in the Scalæ.

The branches run between, and likewise on the outside of the Partitions which divide the Cochleæ into Gyri, and the Gyri into Scalæ, and are large and numerous in proportion to the part they supply.

The largest and most numerous of these branches are dispersed upon the Lamina Spiralis, where they form an intricate Plexus, the Threads of which are at first opaque, but are afterwards of the colour of the Retina of the Eye.

The branches terminate, and appear also to meet upon that part of the Pulpy Membrane, which is most distant from the Modiolus.

Through the Cribiform Plate, common to the Modiolus and Infundibulum, the last branches of this portion of the Nerves pass, to be spread out upon the Membrane lying within the Infundibulum.—*For a particular description of that part of the Portio Mollis distributed to the Cochlea, and of the Cochlea itself, See Dr MONRO's Treatise on the Ear.*

Of that part of the Portio Mollis destined for the Vestible and Semicircular Canals, one branch goes through the posterior Hole in the upper part of the Meatus Internus; the rest pass through the holes in the under and back-part of the Meatus, already pointed out in the description of that Passage.

After perforating the Foramina, the Nerves are seen first in distinct Plexus, but become afterwards transparent, and are lost upon the Sac contained in the Vestible, and upon the Ampulla of the Membranous Semicircular Canals.

The *Portio Mollis* is the primary part of the Organ of Hearing, to which all the other parts are subservient, and may be regarded as being of the same service to the Ear, as the *Retina* is to the Eye.

# OF THE MOUTH, TONGUE, AND THROAT,

WITH THEIR APPENDAGES.

## M O U T H.

THE *Osseous Parts* of the mouth are,—the *Ossa Maxillaria Superiora*, the *Ossa Palati*, the *Maxilla Inferior*, and the *Teeth*;—all of which have been already described.

The *Soft Parts* of the Mouth consist of the *Lips* and *Cheeks*, the *Gums*, the *Palate*, the *Velum Palati*, the *Uvula*, the *Tongue*, the *Membrane* lining the Mouth, and the *Salivary Glands*.

The *Lips* and *Cheeks* are principally composed of Muscles, are covered on the outside by the common Integuments, and lined within by the Membrane of the Mouth, under which there are numerous Mucous Glands, which obtain their names from their situations.

The intervening space between the Masseter and Buccinator Muscles is occupied by a large quantity of Fat, which gives form to the Face.

The *Membrane* of the Mouth is covered with fine *Villi*; but these are most conspicuous upon the edges of the Lips, as may be readily seen after a fine injection, or after macerating the parts till the Cuticle can be separated.

From the edges of the Lips, the Common Integuments (now become extremely thin) are converted into the Membrane which is continued into the Cavity of the Mouth, and which, opposite to the Dentes Incisores of the Upper and Under Jaws, forms a small Doubling or *Frænum*, which fixes the Lips more firmly to the Jaws.

The Lips are serviceable in the general purposes of Speaking, Eating, Drinking, &c.

The *Gums* cover the sides of the Alveolar Border of both Jaws, pass in between the different Teeth, and surround and adhere firmly to the Collar of each.

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The Substance of the Gums is of a dense nature, very Vascular, and the Vessels united by a compact Cellular Substance.

They may be said to consist of the Common Membrane of the Mouth and the Periosteum of the Jaws intimately connected.

They serve as a covering to the Jaws, and assist in the security of the Teeth.

The *Arteries* of the Lips, Cheeks, and Gums, are from the Facial, Temporal, and Internal Maxillaries, which are derived from the External Carotids.

The *Veins* go chiefly to the External, and partly to the Internal Jugulars.

The *Nerves* come from the first and second branches of the Fifth Pair, and also from the Portio Dura of the Seventh Pair.

The *Palate* is divided into the *Palatum Dure* and *Palatum Molle*. The former is composed of the Palate-plates of the Upper Jaw, and is covered by the Periosteum and common Membrane of the Mouth, which prevent the Bones from being injured.

The Membrane which covers the Bones of the Palate forms numerous *Rugæ*, which assist in the division of the Food.

It is nearly of the same structure with that of the Gums, but perforated by the Ducts of the Palatine Glands, for the excretion of Mucus, which serves to lubricate the Palate, and assists in dissolving the Food.

The *Palatum Molle*, *Velum Pendulum Palati*, or *Soft Palate*, is that part which depends from the posterior edge of the *Ossa Palati*, and from the Pterygoid Processes of the Sphenoid Bone, and forms a Partition between the Nose and Mouth.

It is composed of the Membranes which line the Nose and Mouth, and of the expansions of the Circumflex and Levator Palati Muscles, and numerous Mucous Glands which serve to lubricate the Mouth and Throat, and facilitate deglutition.

The *Palatum Molle* conducts the Fluids of the Nose into the Mouth, and acts like a Valve in preventing what we swallow from passing into the Nose.

In the middle of the posterior edge of the *Velum Palati*, the *Uvula*, or *Pap* of the Throat, takes its origin, and hangs pendulous, from the Velum over the root of the Tongue.

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It is of a Conical form, is covered by the Membrane of the Mouth, and has a small Muscle within it, by which it is elevated and shortened,—its other motions depending upon the Muscles of the Palate.

The *use* of the Uvula in Speaking and in Deglutition, is evident from the inconveniencies which result from its being destroyed by disease.

The *Arteries* of the Palate, &c. come from the Facial, and Internal Maxillary.

The *Veins* go to the External and Internal Jugulars.

The *Nerves* are chiefly from the second of the Fifth, with some twigs from the Eighth Pair.

### TONGUE.

The *Tongue* is of an *Oval form*, and is divided into *Base*, *Body*, and *Apex*.

The *Base*, or posterior part of the Tongue, is connected to the Os Hyoides, and, by the medium of this, to the adjacent Bones and Muscles.

The *Body*, or middle part of the Tongue, terminates anteriorly in the loose moveable point.

On the Dorsum or upper Surface, there is a *Linea Mediana*, or middle Groove, running longitudinally, and dividing it into two lateral convexities.

The inferior Surface, which reaches only from the middle of the Tongue to the point, is connected to the parts below it by the Sublingual Ligament, or *Frænum Linguae*, which is a doubling of the Skin, or lining of the Mouth.

The sides of the Tongue are fixed to the Lower Jaw and Styloid Processes, and parts adjacent, by *Membranous Ligaments*.

The Tongue is chiefly *composed* of the Fibres of the Muscles which serve for its motions.—These Fibres are disposed in various directions, and intermixed with a Medullary Fat.

The upper and lateral parts of the Tongue are composed of the Stylo-Glossi.—Its middle portion, between the two former Muscles, is formed of the Linguales.—The lower part is chiefly formed of the Genio-Glossi;—and behind, the Stylo-Glossi enter into its composition.

The Tongue is covered by a continuation of the common Integuments, which are preserved soft and moist by the Saliva.

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The Cuticle forms Vaginæ for receiving the Substances called *Papillæ*.

The Corpus Mucosum of the Tongue is thicker than in other parts of the Body, but more moist.

The third covering of the Tongue, the Cutis Vera, is remarkably Nervous.—The *Papillæ*, which take their origin from it, are very Vascular, especially near the Apex of the Tongue, but are wanting on its under Surface.

The *Papillæ* are divided into three kinds, the *Maximæ*, *Mediæ*, and *Minimæ*.

The first class, called *Papillæ Maximæ*, *Lenticulares*, or *Capitatæ*, are by much the largest, and of a Lenticular form, having round Heads and short Stems.

They are placed at the Base of the Tongue, in superficial Fossulæ, and are dispersed in such a manner as to form an angle with its point backwards.

They are Glands of the Salivary kind, and have each of them a small Perforation in the middle of its convex Surface, for the excretion of Mucus.

Besides the *Papillæ Capitatæ*, there are numerous *Mucous Follicles*, which cover the greater part of the Surface of the root of the Tongue.

At the root of the Tongue, and behind the angle formed by the *Papillæ Maximæ*, there is a Hole, called *Foramen Cæcum* of MORGAGNI, by whom it was first described.

It penetrates only a small way into the Substance of the Tongue, and receives the Mouths of several Excretory Ducts which terminate in it.

The second class, called *Papillæ Mediæ*, or *Semi-lenticulares*, are much smaller than the former, and are scattered over the upper Surface of the Tongue, at some distance from each other.

They are of a Cylindrical form, and terminated by a round extremity.

The third class, termed *Papillæ Minimæ*, or *Conicæ*, or *Villose*, are by much the most numerous, but very minute. They occupy almost the whole upper Surface of the Tongue, but are most abundant towards the Apex, where the sensation of Taste is most acute.

This and the second class have been supposed to be formed chiefly of the extremities of Nerves, and to constitute the real Organ of Taste; though other parts, as  
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the Palate, and even the Pharynx and Esophagus, possess the faculty of Taste in a certain degree.

The principal Blood-vessels of the Tongue are large, in proportion to the size of that Organ.

They are called *Linguales*, or *Raninae*, on account of the dark-coloured branches which appear under the Tongue.

The *Arteries*, which are branches of the External Carotids, are not found to communicate so freely on the opposite sides of the Tongue, as they do in other parts of the Body.

The *Veins* open chiefly into the External Jugulars.

The *Nerves*, like the Arteries, are large and numerous, and have little connection on the opposite sides.

They come from the Fifth, Eighth, and Ninth Pairs.

The first set supply the parts next the point of the Tongue, and are therefore considered as being principally concerned in conveying the sensation of Taste.

The second set supply the root, and the third the middle of the Tongue, and are chiefly dispersed upon its Muscles.—There is a considerable intermixture, however, between the three sets on the same side.

Besides being the principal Organ of Taste, the Tongue is the chief instrument of Speech, and of the articulation of the Voice.—It also assists in Manducation, Deglutition, Spitting, Sucking, &c.

The *Salivary Glands* consist of three large Glands on each side of the Face, viz.—the *Parotid*, the *Submaxillary*, and the *Sublingual*;—besides many small Glands, named from the parts to which they belong.

They are of a yellowish colour, and irregular on their Surface, being of the Conglomerate kind.

The *Parotid Gland*, which is the largest of the Salivary Glands, is named from its situation near the Ear.

It occupies the whole space between the Ear, Mastoid Process, and angle of the Lower Jaw.

It extends superiorly to the Zygoma, and anteriorly to the Masseter Muscle, part of which it covers.

The under end of it lies contiguous to the Submaxillary Gland.

From the different parts of the Gland, numerous small Branches arise, which join together to form a large Duct, sometimes called STENO's *Salivary Duct*, or *Ductus Superior*, which passes from the upper and fore-part of the Gland.

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The Parotid Duct is of a white colour and large size, but, from the thickness of its Coats, the Cavity is small, in proportion to the outside of the Duct.

It passes anteriorly, in a transverse direction, over the Tendon of the Masseter Muscle, by which it is free from compression, and descends a little to perforate the Buccinator Muscle, opposite to the second or third Dens Molaris of the Upper Jaw.

In crossing the Masseter Muscle, it receives sometimes one, sometimes two minute Ducts, from an equal number of small Glands, called by HALLER, *Glandulæ Accessoriae*.

The *Inferior Maxillary*, or *Submaxillary Gland*, is smaller and rounder than the Parotid, and is situated on the inside of the angle of the Lower Jaw, between it and the Tendon of the Digastric Muscle.

From the upper and fore-part of this Gland, a Duct arises, called by some Authors *Ductus WHARTONII*, or *Ductus Inferior*, which is much thinner in substance than the former Duct, but longer.

It passes forwards between the Mylo-Hyoideus and Genio-Glossus Muscles, along the under and inner edge of the Sublingual Gland, to the side of the Frænum Linguae, and terminates behind the Dentes Incisores, by a small orifice, in form of a Papilla.

The *Sublingual Gland* is smaller and softer than the Submaxillary, and is flat, and of an oval form.

It is situated under the anterior portion of the Tongue, above the Duct of the inferior Maxillary Gland, near the Lower Jaw, between the Mylo-Hyoideus and Genio-hyo-glossus Muscles, the former of which sustains it.

Its extremities are turned forwards and backwards, and the edges obliquely inwards and outwards.

It is covered by a continuation of the Skin of the under side of the Tongue, which fixes the Gland in its place.

It opens by several orifices arranged in a line near the Gums, a little to the outside of the Frænum.

In many Quadrupeds, there is a distinct Duct belonging to this Gland, like that of the Submaxillary.

Sometimes this Gland sends off a Branch which communicates with that of the Submaxillary, but generally it is otherwise.

The smaller Glands of the Mouth are in great numbers,

bers, lying between the inner lining of the Mouth and its Muscles, and deriving their names from their situations.

They are small simple Glands, each sending a Duct, which perforates the Skin of the Mouth, and opens into its Cavity.—They consist of—

The *Buccales*, which are placed all over the Cheek, but most plentifully near the termination of the Parotid Duct;

The *Labiales*, lying on the inside of the Lips;

The *Palatinæ*, upon the Palate; and

The *Linguales*, at the root of the Tongue.

The *Arteries* of the Salivary Glands are from different Branches of the External Carotids.

The Parotid is supplied from the Temporal, the Inferior Maxillary from the Facial, and the Sublingual from the Lingual Artery.

The *Veins* of these Glands go to the External Jugulars.

Their *Nerves* are chiefly from the third part of the Fifth, and from the Portio Dura of the Seventh Pair.

The Salivary Glands serve for the secretion of the Saliva, which they pour out in large quantity, and which is promoted by the motion of the Lower Jaw.—The Saliva assists in the solution of the food in the Mouth, in lubricating the Throat for its passage downwards, and in the digestion of it in the Stomach.

## T H R O A T.

The *Throat* consists of the *Arches of the Palate*, of the *Pharynx and Larynx*, with the *Muscles, Vessels, Nerves, &c.* which surround them.

The *Arches of the Palate* are two in number, in each side of the Throat, one of which is termed the *Anterior*, the other the *Posterior*.

They are formed of a Doubling of the Skin, with a few scattered Muscular Fibres.

The *Anterior* arises from the middle of the Velum Palati, at the side of the Uvula, and is fixed to the edge of the Base of the Tongue.

The *Posterior* has its origin likewise from the side of the Uvula, and passes downwards, to be inserted into the side of the Pharynx.

The Anterior Arch contains the Circumflex Muscle of the Palate, and, with its fellow on the opposite side, forms the opening into the Throat, called *Isthmus Fau-cium*.

The Posterior Arch has within it the Levator Muscle of the Palate.

Between the Anterior and Posterior Arches, and close by the sides of the Base of the Tongue, the *Amygdalæ*, *Tonsils*, or *Almonds* of the Ears, are situated.

They are of a reddish colour, of the figure of Almonds, full of Cells which communicate with each other, and have large irregular openings, which convey the Mucus into the Throat, the discharge of which is promoted by the motion of the surrounding parts.

#### PHARYNX.

The *Pharynx*, so called from its conveying Food to the Stomach, and Air to the Lungs, is a large Muscular Bag, in form of an irregular Funnel, with the Tube called *Esophagus* descending from it, and forming the under end of that Funnel.

It is bounded above by the Cuneiform Process of the Occipital Bone, the Pterygoid Processes of the Sphenoid Bone, and back-part of the Jaws, with all of which it is intimately connected.

The anterior margins of its Fleishy parts are connected to the edges of the Larynx, and its sides are covered by the great Blood-vessels of the Neck.

The fore-part of the Pharynx is formed by a Membrane common to it and to the back-part of the Larynx.

Behind, it lies flat upon the Cervical Vertebræ, and upon the Muscles which cover the fore-parts of the sides of these Vertebræ.

It has several *Openings* by which it communicates with neighbouring Cavities.

Two of these lead upwards and forwards by the posterior Nares into the Nose ;—two go laterally by the Eustachian Tubes to the Ears ;—one passes forwards through the large opening, termed Fauces, or Top of the Throat, to the Mouth ;—one goes downwards and forwards, through the Larynx and Trachea, to the Lungs ;—and another directly downwards by the Esophagus to the Stomach.

The Pharynx is surrounded by a loose Cellular Substance, and consists of different Layers of Muscles, called  
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*Constrictores Pharyngis*, which have been already described.

On the inner side, it is lined by the continuation of the Membrane of the Mouth, which is perforated by the Ducts of numerous Glands, for the secretion of Mucus.

The lower end of the Pharynx, opposite to the under edge of the Cricoid Cartilage, describes a complete Circle, which forms the beginning of the Esophagus.

The Pharynx is supplied with Blood by the Pharyngeal Branches, which come directly or indirectly from the External Carotids.—It returns its Blood to both Jugular Veins.—Its nerves are from the Eighth Pair.

The *Use* of the Pharynx is,—to receive the Aliments from the Mouth, and by the action of its Muscles to convey them to the Esophagus. It must likewise assist in the modification of the Voice.

#### LARYNX.

The *Larynx*, so called from its being the principal Organ of Voice, is situated at the upper and fore-part of the Neck, immediately under the Os Hyoides, which is placed at the root of the Tongue.

It is composed of Cartilages and Muscles, Ligaments; Membranes, and Mucous Glands; and is connected above, to the Tongue and Os Hyoides, and behind, to the Pharynx.

The *Cartilages* of the Larynx are generally considered as being five in number, though, besides these, some choose to enumerate small Projections which are connected with them.

The *Five* Cartilages are,—the *Thyroid*, the *Cricoid*, the *Two Arytenoid*, and the *Epiglottis*.

The *Thyroid*, *Scutiform*, or *Shield-like Cartilage*, is placed at the upper and fore-part of the Larynx, and is the largest of the whole.

When spread out, it is of an oblong shape, but, in the natural situation, it consists of two lateral Wings or Portions, of a quadrangular form, uniting before in a longitudinal angle, which can be readily felt in the fore-part of the Throat, and which, from its projecting more in Men than in Women, has obtained the name of *Pomum Adami*.

The upper part of the angle is formed into a Notch, from which, and from the upper edge of the Cartilage in

general, a *broad Ligament* ascends, to fix it to the under part of the *Os Hyoides*.

From the posterior corners four *Processes* project, called *Cornua*, two of which, termed *Superior*, are long, and ascend to be joined by round *Ligaments* to the extremities of the *Cornua* of the *Os Hyoides*.

In the middle of these *Ligaments*, one or two small *Cartilaginous*, or even *Osteous Substances*, are frequently found.

The other two *Cornua*, called *Inferior*, are shorter than the *Superior*, and curved backwards, to be fixed to the sides of the *Cricoid Cartilage*.

The *Thyroid Cartilage* serves for the protection of the other *Cartilages*, and, along with the *Os Hyoides*, preserves the *Passage* open, for the transmission of the Food to the *Stomach*.

The *Cricoid*, or *Annular*, or *Ring-like Cartilage*, is placed below, and likewise behind the *Thyroid*, and, like it, may be readily felt in the fore-part of the *Throat*.

It is narrow before, where it lies under the *Thyroid Cartilage*, and thick, broad, and strong posteriorly, where it is placed behind that *Cartilage*.

Its *Posterior Surface* is divided by a *Ridge* into two *lateral Cavities*, for the reception of the posterior *Crico-arytenoid Muscles*.

Its under edge is horizontal, and fixed to the beginning, or first *Cartilage* of the *Trachea*.

The upper edge slants considerably, and has its anterior narrow part fixed to the under edge of the *Thyroid Cartilage*.

It has four small *Articular Surfaces*, with distinct *Capular Ligaments*, of which two are placed above, for the articulation of the *Arytenoid Cartilages*, and two at the under and lateral parts, for the connection of the inferior *Cornua* of the *Thyroid Cartilage*.

The *Cricoid Cartilage* forms part of the general *Tube* of the *Trachea*, constitutes the *Base* of the *Larynx*, and gives a firm support to the *Arytenoid Cartilages*.

The two *Arytenoid Cartilages*, named from a supposed resemblance to an *Ewer*, or *Drinking-cup* of the *Ancients*, are much smaller than the other *Cartilages*, and are placed upon the upper, posterior, and lateral parts of the *Cricoid Cartilage*, at a small distance from each other.

They are of a *triangular* form, and a little twisted, and  
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are bent back, so as to have a broad concave Surface behind.

Their upper extremities are turned towards each other, and are considered by some Authors as distinct Cartilages.

Their Bases are *broad* and *hollow*, where they are articulated by Capsular Ligaments with the Cricoid Cartilage, upon which they are moved in different directions, by the action of various Muscles.

They are connected to each other, and to the adjacent Cartilages, by different Muscles and Ligaments.

The Arytenoid Cartilages form a part of the opening called *Glottis*, and give attachment to its Ligaments.

The *Epiglottis*, obtaining its name from its situation above the Glottis, is of an oval form when surrounded by its Ligaments and Membranes, but, when divested of these, it is found to be narrow below, broad above, and rounded at its upper extremity.

It is convex towards the Tongue, and concave towards the Glottis, with its point reflected a little forwards.

It is placed behind the upper part of the Thyroid Cartilage, is situated obliquely over the Glottis, and may be seen and examined by pressing down the root of the Tongue.

Its under end is fixed by a broad and short Ligament to the middle Notch of the Thyroid Cartilage, and by two lateral Ligaments to the whole length of the Arytenoid Cartilages.

It is fixed to the roots of the Os Hyoides and Tongue by another Ligament, which is a doubling of the inner Membrane running along the middle of its anterior Surface, and forming the *Frænum Epiglottidis*.

It is very elastic, and is much more pliable than the other Cartilages, being of a Cartilago-ligamentous nature.

It is found to have a number of *Fissures*, in which *Lacunæ* are placed, and to be perforated by numerous *Foramina*, which are the Mouths of so many Mucous Follicles, and which are in a great measure concealed by the Membrane which covers it.

It breaks the current of the Air coming from the Mouth and Nose, and prevents it from rushing too forcibly into the Cavity of the Lungs.—Pressed and drawn down by the Tongue and by small Muscles, it defends

the Glottis, and shuts it completely in the time of swallowing.—After the action of swallowing, it is raised by its own elasticity, and by the root of the Tongue to which it is fixed, returning to its former position.

*Ligaments of the Glottis.*—From the fore-part of the body of each of the Arytenoid Cartilages, a *Ligamentous Cord* passes horizontally forwards, to be fixed by its other extremity to the inside of the anterior angle of the Thyroid Cartilage.

The opening formed between these Ligaments is called *Glottis*, from Γλωττα, the Tongue: It is also called *Mouth of the Larynx*, and *Rima Glottidis*, and is of a triangular figure, the Ligaments being at a greater distance behind than at their anterior extremity.

Under these two Ligaments there are two others, larger and more distinct than the former, and which are commonly considered as the *proper Ligaments of the Glottis*. They arise from the Base of the Arytenoid Cartilages, and run in the same direction with the former, to be fixed also to the Thyroid Cartilage.

In the Interstice of the Superior and Inferior Ligaments, on each side there is a *Fissure*, which leads to a small Membranous Cavity or Depression, with its bottom turned outwards.

These are the *Ventricles of the Larynx* of GALEN.—They are chiefly formed by the inner Membrane of the Larynx.

They differ in size in different people, have Mucous Follicles opening into them, and are found to be serviceable in the modulation of the Voice.

On the anterior Surface of the Arytenoid Cartilages, there is a small Depression, filled by a *Glandular Body*, which not only covers the fore-part of these Cartilages, but is continued over the posterior extremity of the Ligaments of the Glottis.

The *Arytenoid Glands* are larger in some subjects than in others. They were discovered, and are particularly described and delineated, by MORGAGNI.

The Ligaments which connect the Epiglottis to the Notch of the Thyroid Cartilage, and to the under side of the Os Hyoides, and one which ties the Base of the Os Hyoides, form a *triangular space*, which is also occupied by Cellular Substance and by Mucous Glands.

The Cavity of the Larynx is lined by a Membrane which is extremely irritable, and is every where perforated.

rated by the Mouths of small Mucous Glands, for the purpose of moistening it.

The Larynx has a number of Muscles, for its different motions ; all of which have been already described.

The *Arteries* of the Larynx are the two superior Laryngeals, which come from the External Carotids, and the two inferior Laryngeals, which are sent off from the Subclavian Arteries.

The *Veins* return to the External Jugulars.

The *Nerves* are chiefly the superior and inferior Laryngeals, which are branches of the Eighth Pair.

The Larynx serves the purpose of Respiration, forms and modulates the Voice, and is also useful in Deglutition.

It is the principal Organ of Voice ;—for, if a hole be made in the Trachea, and the passage of the Larynx stopped, the Air escapes by that opening without producing Voice.

Voice is formed by the Air, in its passage through the Glottis, acting upon the Ligaments of the Glottis and Cartilages of the Larynx and Trachea, and thus producing a Tremour ;—and is different in different persons, according to the Form and Structure of the Larynx.

The strength of Voice is in proportion to the quantity of Air expired, and the narrowness of the Glottis.

A Tone is acute in proportion to the tension of the parts of the Larynx and Trachea in general, and of the Ligaments of the Glottis in particular.

A Tone is grave in proportion to the reverse of the above.

Speech is performed chiefly by the different parts of the Mouth, assisted by the Cavity of the Nose,—the Larynx moving only in a small degree.

When the Air passes through the Larynx without producing a Tremour, it occasions a Whisper.

When a person speaks during inspiration, the voice is thereby very materially altered ; and, by practice, may be made to appear as coming from other places than the mouth of the speaker ; as is the case with those who call themselves *Ventriloquists*.

## OF THE THORAX.

THE *Thorax*, or *Breast*, extends from the neck to the Diaphragm, and is divided into *External* and *Internal* Parts.

## EXTERNAL PARTS OF THE THORAX.

The *External* Parts of the Thorax, besides the common Integuments and Mammæ, are,

The *Muscles*, consisting of the *Pectorales*, *Subclavii*, and under end of the *Platysma Myoides* on each side, which are situated anteriorly.

The *Serrati Magni*, which are placed laterally.

The *Trapezii*, *Latissimi Dorsi*, and numerous other Muscles on the Back, which are placed posteriorly.

The *Intercostales* and *Sterno-Costales*, which are situated, the former between, and the latter on the inner side of the Ribs.

The *Bones*, consisting of *Sternum*, *Ribs*, and *Dorsal Vertebrae*.—All these Parts, excepting the Mammæ, have been already described.

## MAMMÆ.

The *Mammæ* are two Glandular Bodies, of a circular form, situated on the anterior, and a little towards the lateral parts of the Thorax, adhering loosely by Cellular Substance to the Surface of the large Pectoral Muscles.

The term *Mammæ* is peculiar to the Breasts of Women.—In Men these parts are called *Mammillæ*;—and in the Brute kind, *Ubera*.

In the *Ape*, and a few other animals, they are placed, as in the Human body, upon the Thorax;—but, in the generality of Quadrupeds, they are situated under the Abdomen.

The common number of the Mammæ, in the Human species, is well known to be two.—BARTHOLINE, however, mentions the case of a Woman, who had two Mammæ on the left side, and one on the right; and another, where there were two on each side.

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Dr VAUGHAN narrates the case of a Woman he has examined, who has a supernumerary Nipple, at the under side of the right Mamma, from which milk flowed when the central one was pressed, and *vice versa*.

The Mammæ vary in size in different Women, and in the same Women at different periods of life.

In Girls, previous to the age of Puberty, they are remarkably small.

About the age of fourteen, at which time the Menfes, in this climate, most commonly begin to appear, they evolve and become prominent.

During Gestation they increase in size, and soon after Delivery they arrive at their greatest extent.

After the age of forty-five, or from that to fifty,—the period when the Menfes generally disappear, they decrease in size, and become soft, pendulous, and flaccid.

Under the Skin, there is a large quantity of *Fat*, which constitutes a considerable portion of the bulk of the Mamma, and defends the Glandular Part, and is not found to pass into, or communicate with, the Lactiferous Ducts.

The *Glandular Part* of the Mamma is of a whitish colour, of the Conglomerate kind, and therefore irregular in its Substance.

It is composed of a number of smaller Masses or Glands, which are also separated by Fat; and these again are divided into still smaller parts, in which the Milk is originally secreted or formed.

Near the centre of the Mamma, is the *Papilla* or *Nipple*, which is of a Cylindrical form, and of a redder colour than the rest of the Skin of the Breast.

It is of different sizes in different ages and constitutions, and is always larger in the time of Gestation, or of Nursing.

It is capable of distension from titillation, or when influenced by the passions of the Mind.

It is composed of a *tough Cellular* or *Ligamentous Substance*, which incloses the Lactiferous Tubes, and which is so elastic, that after the part is drawn out or distended, it readily recovers its former dimension, when the cause of distension has ceased to act.

Upon the Apex of the Nipple, the *Orifices* of the Lactiferous Ducts appear, and are of the same number with those which enter its Base.

Around the Nipple, there is a *Circle* or *Disk*, called *Areola*,

*Areola*,—of a different colour from the rest of the Skin of the Breast.

This Disk, however, varies in colour at different times of life,—being florid in young Girls, of a pale-brown in Women a little more advanced in life, and in old age, of a livid and dull colour.

During Pregnancy, it is of a darker colour than at other times, in consequence of a change which takes place in the *Corpus Mucosum* which forms it.

Under the Skin of the *Areola*, there are numerous *Sebaceous Glands*, or *Follicles*, the Orifices of which discharge an oily *Mucus*, to defend the Nipple and *Areola* around it.

The *Arteries* of the *Mamma* are partly from the Internal, and partly from the External Mammaries or Thoracics, the former of which are sent off from the Subclavian, and the latter from the Axillary Artery,—the Branches entering the *Mamma* at many different places.

The *Veins* accompany the *Arteries*, and are distinguished by the same names.

The *Absorbents* of the *Mamma* are also numerous, the greater part of which pass through the Axillary Glands, others penetrate the Interstices of the Ribs, near the Sternum, and enter the Glands which belong to the Internal Mammary Vessels.

The *Nerves* are chiefly from the Axillary Plexus, a few Branches being also sent off from the Intercostals.

From the extremities of the *Arteries* in the Substance of the *Mamma*, numberless Tubes arise, called *Ductus* or *Tubuli Lactiferi*, which gradually unite into Trunks, and run in a radiated manner towards the root of the Nipple.

They become greatly enlarged in the time of Suckling, and serve as Reservoirs in which the Milk is contained.

The Lactiferous Ducts are accompanied, in the Substance of the *Mamma*, by a *tough white elastic Substance*, which follows them to the Nipple.

At the root of the Nipple, they become contracted, and are there from *Twelve* to *Eighteen* in number.

Either from the want of uniformity, however, with respect to their number in different subjects, or from the difficulty of perceiving them, they have been variously estimated by different Authors.

Near the root of the Nipple, they have been supposed by Dr MECKEL, to form a circle of communication;—  
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but this has been ascribed, by still later Anatomists, to a laceration of Vessels; and numerous preparations and experiments,—particularly that of throwing in an injection at one Duct, and finding that it fills one part only of the Mamma, without returning by any other Duct,—seem sufficiently to indicate, that there is no such circular communication.

In the Substance of the Nipple, the Lactiferous Tubes are at a little distance from each other, and are coiled up in such a manner, that the spontaneous flow of the Milk is prevented, unless it be accumulated in a large quantity.

But when the Nipple is drawn out and extended,—as by the application of the Child's Mouth,—the Ducts become straight and parallel to each other, so as to allow an uninterrupted flow of the Milk.

After the action of Sucking, the Nipple, and of consequence its Ducts, immediately recover their former situation.

Sometimes one or more of the Lactiferous Ducts terminate upon the Surface of the Areola, from which, MORGAGNI supposed, that the Glands there were of the Lactiferous kind.

In Children of both sexes, the Mammæ are merely Cutaneous Tubercles, and at the time of birth contain a *Milky-like Fluid*, which can be readily squeezed out.

This Fluid commonly disappears a short time after Birth;—but there are various examples on record, where Milk has been brought to the Breasts, both of young Girls and old Women, by the frequent application of a Child to the Nipples, and where there was no cause for suspicion of Impregnation being present. Nor are instances wanting of Milk being brought to the Mammillæ of Men, by the same application.

The Mammæ add much to the ornament of the person, but serve in particular for furnishing nourishment to the Child, which is conveyed to it through the medium of the Nipple.

The Secretion begins soon after Delivery, and continues to flow for many months, and even for some years, if the Woman suckle her Child; and the more frequently the Milk is extracted, the greater is the quantity received in a given time.

The operation of Sucking depends upon the principles of the Air-pump.—The child embraces the Nipple closely with

with its Lips, which prevents the external Air from entering, draws the Ducts to a straight line, and prepares a space for the Milk, which is forced from the Breast by the pressure of the Atmosphere, and flows to the Mouth in the manner a Fluid follows the Piston of a common Pump or Syringe.

### INTERNAL PARTS OF THE THORAX.

The Mammæ and Muscles, covering the fore and lateral parts of the Thorax, being turned aside, and the Ribs afterwards cut from the Sternum and turned back, the *Internal Parts* of the Thorax are brought into view.

They consist of the *Pleura*, which lines the Thorax;—the *Mediastinum*, which divides it into right and left Cavities, and contains several Vessels, Nerves, &c. between its Layers;—the *Pericardium* and *Heart*, which occupy the middle;—and the *Lungs*, which surround the Heart, and fill the greater part of the Thorax.

### THE PLEURA.

The *Pleura* is a Membrane of considerable strength, which lines the inner side of the Thorax, and covers the most of its contents.

Its External Surface is *Cellular*, and adheres closely to the parts which surround it.

Its Internal Surface is *smooth* and *polished*, being moistened by a Serous Fluid, which exudes from its Arteries.

It is divided into *two lateral Sacs* or *Pleuræ*, the form of which corresponds exactly with that of the surrounding Bones of the Thorax,

The *Pleuræ* adhere to the Periosteum of the Ribs, line the Intercoastal and Sterno-Costal Muscles, the Sternum, and Dorsal Vertebrae, and cover the Pericardium, Lungs, and Lateral or Fleshy parts of the Diaphragm.

Behind the Sternum, the *Pleuræ* are contiguous to each other, and form a *Partition* called *Mediastinum*, which extends between the Sternum and Vertebrae, but is intercepted by the Heart and Root of the Lungs, and divides the Thorax into two distinct Cavities, which have no communication with each other.

The *Arteries* of the *Pleura* are from those of the adjacent parts, viz. from the Intercoastal, Mammaries, Diaphragmatics, Bronchial, and Esophageal.

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The *Veins*, which return the Blood, accompany the Arteries, and are distinguished by the same names.

The *Nerves* are from the Intercostals and Diaphragmatics, but too small to be traced without difficulty; and the Membrane itself is not observed to possess much sensibility in the sound uninfamed state.

The Pleura serves to render the inside of the Thorax smooth, for the easy motion of the contiguous parts, to divide it into Cavities, and to strengthen the containing and contained parts of the Thorax.

#### MEDIASTINUM.

The *Mediastinum*, so named from its situation in the middle of the Thorax, is formed by a reflection of the Pleura, and is of course double.—It contains between its Layers a considerable quantity of Cellular Substance, by which they are united.

It is divided into *Anterior* and *Posterior* Mediastinum, the former of which is situated at the fore, and the latter at the back-part of the Thorax.

The *Anterior Mediastinum* is connected before, to the Sternum; and behind, to the Pericardium and large Vessels of the Heart.

The two Layers of the Anterior Mediastinum are closely applied to each other, excepting at the upper part of the Thorax, where they are separated by the remains of the *Thymus Gland*.

At the upper part of the Thorax, it lies exactly behind the middle of the Sternum; but in its descent, it inclines gradually to the left edge of that Bone.

In consequence of its obliquity, a pointed instrument, pushed through the centre of the Sternum, is generally found to pass into the right Cavity of the Thorax.

Frequent deviations, however, from this general rule, have been met with.—In particular, LIEUTAUD and SABATIER relate several instances where the Anterior Mediastinum was found to descend along the middle of the Sternum; and others, though rare, where it descended even to the right side of this Bone.

The *Posterior Mediastinum* reaches from the root of the Lungs and back-part of the Heart, to the Dorsal Vertebrae.

Between the Layers of the Posterior Mediastinum, a *triangular space* is formed, in which are situated the under end of the Trachea, the Esophagus, the Aorta Descen-

dens, the Vena Azygos, and Thoracic Duct, with the Eighth Pair of Nerves.

The *Blood-vessels* of the Mediastinum are from those of the neighbouring parts :—The Anterior Mediastinum is supplied by Branches from the Subclavian, Internal Mammaries, and Diaphragmatics,—and the Posterior Mediastinum, by Branches from the Intercostals and Esophageals.

The *Veins* accompany the Arteries, and have the same names.

The Mediastinum divides the Thorax into two Cavities, supports its general Contents, hinders one Lung from pressing upon the other, when the person lies on his side, and prevents Fluids,—which, in consequence of accident or disease, may be contained in the Cavity of the Thorax,—from passing from one side to the other.

#### PERICARDIUM.

The *Pericardium, Sac, or Capsule* of the Heart, is one of the strongest Membranes of the Body, and its size such as to be properly adapted to that of the Heart, which it contains.

It is formed of *two Layers*, the *External* of which is a continuation of the Anterior Mediastinum, which afterwards passes to the Lungs and lateral parts of the Diaphragm.

The *Internal Layer* is smooth, tendinous-like, and polished on its inner Surface, and is stronger than the other.

It adheres so firmly to the Tendinous part of the Diaphragm, as not to be separated from it without much difficulty.

The Pericardium extends a considerable way beyond the Base of the Heart, and includes the large Blood-vessels, as far as the roots of their first principal Branches, in consequence of which it forms several angles, which have been termed *Cornua* of the Pericardium.

While the External Layer is reflected to cover the parts which surround it, the inner one is also reflected, first over the roots of the large Blood-vessels, and then over the Heart, to form its proper covering, in the same manner the Tunica Conjunctiva is reflected from the Eye-lids to cover the fore-part of the Eye.

From the ends of the Extreme Arteries, upon its Surface,

rate, a Fluid, called *Liquor Pericardii*, is discharged, by which it is lubricated, and the effects of Friction diminished.

The *Liquor Pericardii* is commonly found, after death, in the quantity of a few drachms, though not unfrequently of one or two ounces.

Its colour is redder in a young subject, than in a person advanced in life, in whom it becomes paler, or more of a straw-colour.

The *Arteries* of the fore-part of the Pericardium are from the Internal Mammaries and Diaphragmatics; those of its ~~fore~~<sup>back</sup> part from the Bronchial and Esophageal.

The *Veins* correspond with the *Arteries*, and have the same name.

The *Use* of the Pericardium is, to preserve the Heart in situ, to defend it from being injured by the parts which surround it, and to restrain its inordinate motions.

## OF THE HEART.

THE *Heart* is a hollow Muscle, divided into different Cavities, and inclosed in the Pericardium.

It is situated in the Cavity of the Thorax, behind the Sternum, between the Right and Left Lungs.

It is of a *Conical* figure, flattened at one side, and is divided into *Base*, *Body*, and *Apex*, with a *Superior* and *Inferior Surface*, and a *Right* and *Left Margin*.

The *Base* is placed backwards next the Spine, while the *Body* and *Apex* are turned forwards, and obliquely over to the left side.

In Quadrupeds, the Heart is placed upon a line with the Sternum, the point only touching the Diaphragm:—In the Human Body, the *Apex*, or Point of the Heart, is but a little lower than the *Base*, and projects between the two lobes of the left Lung, behind the Cartilages of the Fifth and Sixth True Ribs of the left Side, or a little below the left Nipple, where the Pulsation may be felt.—The situation, however, varies a little, according to the position of the Body, and state of Respiration.

Though this be the common situation of the Heart, a few rare and singular instances have occurred, where it

has been found to occupy the right side of the Thorax ; and a displacement has sometimes happened, in consequence of different kinds of tumours in the left side of the Thorax.

The *Superior* or *Anterior Surface* of the Heart is convex, and is opposed to the Posterior Surface of the Sternum, the anterior edges of the Lungs intervening.

The *Inferior* or *Posterior Surface* is flat, and rests upon the Tendon of the Diaphragm, which supports it ; the Heart is not much affected, however, by the motions of that Muscle in time of Respiration, its Tendon moving only in a small degree.

The right side of the Body of the Heart is sharp, and is called *Margo Acutus*.

The left side of the Body of the Heart is round, and is termed *Margo Obtusus*.

The Base is formed of a right and left *Auricle*, and the Body of a right and left *Ventricle*.

When the Heart is distended, the right Auricle, and part of the corresponding Ventricle, occupy the right, and the rest of the Heart the left Cavity of the Thorax.

The Heart is connected above and behind to the upper and back-part of the Thorax, through the medium of the *great Vessels* which go into, or pass out from it.

The other parts of the Heart are free, being merely contiguous to the inside of the Pericardium.

The External Surface of the Heart is covered with a thin smooth *Membranous Coat*, which is a reflection of the inner Layer of the Pericardium, and which gives additional strength to its Flethy Fibres.

Between the Coat and Substance of the Heart, there is commonly a considerable quantity of *Fat*, which lubricates it, and facilitates its motions.

The Substance of the Heart consists of *Muscular Fibres*, firm and more closely connected than the generality of Fibres of Muscles in other parts of the Body.

The Fibres run in different directions, longitudinal and transverse, but most of them oblique.

Many of them run over the Point of the Heart from one Surface to the other, and the whole so much twisted and folded, and so variously intermixed, as to be difficult to be unravelled or described :—In general, however, their course is such as to lessen the Cavities of the Heart in all their dimensions.

The *Cavities* of the Heart are lined with a Membrane extremely

extremely thin, but dense and strong, to defend them against the pressure of the Blood.

The Heart is formed of an *anterior* or *right*, and a *posterior* or *left* side, or of a *right* and *left* Heart, joined together by a *Partition*, which prevents the two sides from having any direct communication with each other.—The terms Right and Left, however, are more applicable to the Heart of the Quadruped, and those of Anterior and Posterior to the Human Heart.

Each side of the Heart is furnished with a set of *Veins*, with an *Auricle*, a *Ventricle*, and an *Artery*, and also with two sets of *Valves*,—one between the Auricle and Ventricle, the other between the Ventricle and Artery.

At the right side of the Heart are two Veins, called from their large size *Venæ Cavæ*, the one *Superior*, the other *Inferior*.

The *Superior Vena Cava*, called also *Vena Cava Descendens*, returns the Blood from the upper parts of the Body; and the *Inferior Vena Cava*, termed likewise *Ascendens*, returns it from the lower parts; and both terminate in the right Auricle. It is prevented from returning by the fullness of the Veins, and by the pressure of the Blood *a tergo*.

The Auricle is situated upon the right, and partly upon the back-part of the Heart, and is divided into the right *Sinus Venosus* and *proper Auricle*.

The *Sinus Venosus* is formed by the union of the two *Venæ Cavæ*, which swell out towards the anterior and left side. It is notched at its anterior edge, is a Muscular Bag of considerable strength, and is uniform and smooth, both upon its outer and inner Surface.

At the upper and left side of the Sinus, is the projection or *Appendix*, termed *Proper Auricle*, from its supposed resemblance to the Ear of a Quadruped :—It is formed by a blind Sac, which is serrated and notched on its posterior edge, and convex or rounded on the other, and terminates obliquely in an obtuse point.

The Sinus and proper Auricle form one common Cavity, have no Valve between them, and are therefore filled and emptied at the same time.

Where the two Cavities meet in the Hearts of Quadrupeds, there is a Projection seen in the Sinus Venosus, called *Tuberculum LOWERI*, which is supposed to prevent the Blood of the one Cava from rushing upon that of the other, and to direct it into the Auricle.

At the meeting of the two Cavæ in the Human Heart, an angle is formed, which also has frequently got the name of *Tuberculum LOWERI*:—That substance, however, is peculiar to the Hearts of Brute-Animals.

Under this Angle, or joining of the Venæ Cavæ, there is the Vestige of the *Foramen Ovale*, which, in the Fœtus, forms a communication between the right and left Auricles; but, in the Adult, is filled up by its Membrane, and forms the *Fossa Ovalis*.

The *Fossa Ovalis* has thick and strong sides, called *Columnæ Foraminis Ovalis*, *Isthmus VIEUSSENII*, or *Annulus Fossæ Ovalis*.

At the left side of the Mouth of the Inferior Cava, where it joins the Sinus, is the *Valve of EUSTACHIUS*.

It is in form of a Crescent, with the convex edge fixed to the union of the Sinus and Cava, and the concave edge turned obliquely upwards, reaching about half-way over the Mouth of the Cava.—Its size and appearance, however, vary much in different Subjects.

Its posterior Cornu is continued with the left side of the Isthmus of the *Foramen Ovale*; the other end vanishes in the opposite side of the Sinus.

It is equally distinct in the Adult as in the Fœtus; but in the former it is frequently found reticulated, or Cribriform, which appearance is seldom, though sometimes, met with in the latter.

In the Adult, it is supposed to prevent the Blood of the Auricle from passing into the Inferior Cava; and in the Fœtus, to direct the Blood of the Inferior Cava to the *Foramen Ovale*.

Upon the left side of the Valve of EUSTACHIUS, in the under part of the Auricle, is the *Orifice* or *Termination* of the great Coronary Vein of the Heart.

Over the Orifice of this Vein, there is a Semilunar Valve, to prevent the Blood in the Auricle from passing into the Vein.

The inner side of the proper Auricle is readily distinguished from the Sinus, by having a number of *Columnæ Carnææ*, or *Fleshy Pillars* in it, which, from their supposed resemblance to the Teeth of a Comb, sometimes obtain the name of *Musculi Auriculæ Pectinati*.

The *Musculi Pectinati* have smaller Columns running in different directions, giving the whole a reticulated appearance.

Between the *Columnæ Carnææ*, are *Depressions* or *Furrows*,

*rows*, in which the sides of the Auricle are thin, and semi-transparent, being chiefly formed by the outer and inner Membrane of the Auricle.

At the under and left side of the Sinus Venosus, and opposite to a *Groove*, situated externally between the Auricle and Ventricle, there is a *Hole*, above an inch in diameter, which opens into the upper and right part of the corresponding Ventricle.

The right Auricle receives the Blood from the *Venæ Cavæ* and Coronary Veins, and, by its Muscular contraction, discharges it into the corresponding Ventricle, out of which it is prevented from returning by a Valve, called *Tricuspid*, placed within the Ventricle.

The *Right or Pulmonary Ventricle*, is situated on the fore-side of the Heart, is of a triangular form, and much thicker and stronger than the corresponding Auricle.

It has many strong Eminences, Columns, Lacertuli, or Cords, called *Columnæ Carneæ*.

The *Columnæ* run in different directions, but the strongest of them longitudinally, and are of various sizes, forming so many distinct Muscles, which are extremely compact in their structure, and compose a beautiful, intricate, and irregular Net-work.

In general, they adhere through their whole length to each other, or to the sides of the Ventricle; but many of them are loose in their middle, and may be raised by a probe put under them.

They assist the Ventricle in its *Systole* or contraction, and prevent it from being overstretched in its *Diastole* or dilatation, and agitate the Blood in its passage through the Ventricle.

They are supposed to bring the opposite sides of the Ventricle completely together, during its contraction.

Between the *Columnæ* are many deep Grooves, Pits, or Foveæ, into all of which the Blood readily enters.

Around the Passage, between the Auricle and Ventricle, there is a *Tendinous Margin* or *Ring*, from the whole edge of which a circular Membrane is sent off, called *Valvula Tricuspis*, or *Trigloch*, from its having three principal points or divisions.

From the edge of the Tricuspid Valve, many small round *Tendinous Cords* are sent off, of unequal size.

The *Chordæ Tendineæ* descend obliquely within the Ventricle, in the same direction with the Valve from which they arise.

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They are fixed to the extremities of a few strong Papillæ or Columnæ Carneæ, which are joined by their other extremities to the corresponding sides of the Ventricle.

The Tricuspid Valve prevents the reflux of the Blood to the Auricle, during the contraction of the Ventricle.

The Tendons allow the Valve to be pushed back by the Blood, until a Septum or Partition is formed by it at the Mouth of the Ventricle, during the contraction of the latter.—The Papillæ, by their contraction, prevent the Valve from going into the Auricle.

The Valve is opened and pressed back by the Blood in its passage from the Auricle to the Ventricle.

The upper and left side of the Ventricle becomes smooth and uniform, and leads to a large Opening, about an inch in diameter, which is the Mouth of the Pulmonary Artery.

The right Ventricle, by its dilatation, receives the Blood from the Auricle, and sends it, by a strong and sudden convulsive contraction, to the Pulmonary Artery, from whence it is prevented from returning, by three Valves placed in the Mouth of the Artery.

The Valves at the Mouth of the Pulmonary Artery are called *Valvulæ Semilunares*, or *Sigmoideæ*, from the resemblance of their edges to those of a Crescent.—Two of them are placed in the fore, and one in the back-part of the Artery.

Each of them forms a *small Sac*, one edge of which adheres to a third part of the circumference of the inside of the Artery; the other edge is loose in the Cavity of that Vessel, and is somewhat thicker and stronger than the rest of the Valve,—the thickened edges serving as Ligaments to it.

The loose edge has a *general Curve*, divided into *two smaller ones*, which meet in a *point* in the middle.

The Valves are chiefly formed of a doubling or extension of the inner Coat of the Artery.

In the middle point, or loose edge of each of the Valves, there is a small hard *triangular Granula*, of a somewhat redder colour than the rest of the Valve, called, from its reputed discoverers, *Corpusculum AURANTII*, or *Corpusculum MORGAGNI*; or, from its resemblance in shape to the Sesamum seed, *Corpusculum Sesamoideum*.

The Corpuscles complete the Valves at the centre of the

the Artery, and enable them to make a stronger resistance against the Blood, while the Artery is in action.

The Semilunar Valves are *concave* towards the Artery, *convex* towards the Ventricle, and, when shut, their loose edges are opposed to each other, so as to enable them to form a complete *Partition* between the Ventricle and Artery.

Opposite to the Semilunar Valves, the Artery bulges out, and forms *three Projections*, which have corresponding Pits or Depressions within, and are called, from their discoverer, *Sinus VALSALVÆ*.

The *Sinuses* of VALSALVA are of the same nature with those Dilatations which are found in the Veins and Lymphatics, between their sides and Valves; and, like them, are partly formed by the pressure of the Fluids upon the sides of the Vessels.

The Pulmonary Artery receives the Blood from the right Ventricle, and by its contractile power, assists the Ventricle in driving it through the Lungs.

The Semilunar Valves, pressed back by the Blood in the Artery, prevent its return into the Ventricle.

The Valves are opened again by being driven towards the sides of the Artery by the current of the Blood, upon the next contraction or stroke of the Ventricle.

The Pulmonary Artery passes behind the Sternum, and separates into *right* and *left Branches*, which go to the corresponding parts of the Lungs.

The two Branches of the Pulmonary Artery, like those of the Arteries of the Viscera in other parts of the large Cavities, suddenly divide into still smaller Branches.

From the extreme Arteries of the Lungs, corresponding Veins arise, and are merely the continuation or reflection of the Arteries, without any intermediate Cells or Dilatations.

The Pulmonary Veins, in the Substance of the Lungs, gradually unite, and form *four principal Trunks*, which terminate in, and carry the Blood to the left Auricle.

Of the Pulmonary Veins, *two* come from the right, and *two* from the left Lung, and terminate in the corresponding sides of the left Auricle.

The *left Auricle* is considerably thicker and stronger than the right, and, like it, is divided into Sinus Venosus and proper Auricle, which form one common Cavity without the intervention of any Valve.

The *left Sinus Venosus*, called also *Sinus Pulmonalis*, is  
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turned towards the Spine, is more of a cubic form than the right one; but resembles it in the uniformity and smoothness of its outer and inner Surfaces.

From the fore and left part of the Sinus, the *Proper Auricle* projects, and forms a distinct flat *Appendix*, or *Bag*, with different Curvatures or Indentations upon its edges.

The inner part of the *Proper Auricle* is *longer*, but *narrower* than that on the right side; like it, however, it is formed of *Columnæ Carneæ*, with Furrows between them.

The *Proper Auricle* is somewhat less capacious than that on the right side; but the Sinus is as much larger as to render the two common Cavities of the right and left Auricles nearly equal.

The two Auricles have a *Fleshy Septum* between them, in which, as has been already mentioned, there is the *Foramen Ovale* in the Fœtus;—but in the Adult the Partition is generally perfect.

From the under part of the Sinus Venosus, a *Passage* leads down to the Cavity of the Left Ventricle, and is opposite to a *Groove* seen externally between the Auricle and Ventricle, similar to that on the right side.

The Left Auricle receives the Blood from the Pulmonary Veins, and by its Muscular contraction, drives it into the Left Ventricle, from which it is prevented from returning, by a Valve in the Ventricle, called *Mitralis*.

The *Left Ventricle* is situated in the posterior and left part of the Heart.

Its sides are about *three times thicker* and *stronger* than those of the Right Ventricle, being in proportion to the force required to propel the Blood to the most remote parts of the Body.

It is *narrower* and *rounder*, but considerably *longer*, both on its External Surface and in its Internal Cavity, than the Right Ventricle, and generally descends somewhat below the other, and forms the *Apex Cordis*, or Point of the Heart.

The Cavity is commonly described as being less than that of the Right Ventricle;—but the apparent difference, which takes place after death, is accounted for with seeming propriety by some Authors,—from the left Ventricle being then for the most part found empty, and the Right one full, and from the greater degree of contractility in the former.

That the capacity of the Cavity of the right and left Sides

Sides of the Heart is more nearly equal during life than after death, or than it is generally supposed to be, is evident from the appearance of the Heart of the Human and also of the Brute kind, and from injections into the two sides of the Heart, where the force applied is in proportion to the relative strength of each side.

The inner Surface of the Left Ventricle has the same general appearance with the Ventricle of the right side, and only differs from it in having its Columnæ Carneæ larger, firmer, and stronger.

In the Passage of communication between the Auricle and Ventricle, there is a *Ring*, from which a *Circular Valve* goes off, with all its apparatus similar to that between the right Auricle and Ventricle, and differing in no respect from it in structure and use, excepting in being stronger, and in being divided into two principal portions only.

This Valve has been supposed to bear some resemblance to a *Bishop's Mitre*, from which it has been called *Valvula Mitralis*.

One of the portions of this Valve is larger than the other, lies over the Mouth of the Aorta, and is supposed to cover it while the Ventricle is a-filling.

The *Valvula Mitralis* prevents the reflux of the Blood during the contraction of the Ventricle.

After the contraction is over, the Valve returns to its former situation by the impulse of a fresh current of Blood from the Auricle.

Between the Right and Left Ventricle, there is a thick strong impervious *Partition*, which forms a share of the general Septum Cordis, and is composed partly by the wall of the Right, but chiefly by that of the Left Ventricle, the Right being united to the Left, almost in the form of an Appendix.

The Partition prevents any direct communication between the two Ventricles.

Opposite to the outer edge of the Septum, both upon the upper and under Surfaces of the Heart, there is a *Groove* in which some of the principal Trunks of the Coronary Vessels are situated.

At the fore and right side of the *Valvula Mitralis*, and behind the beginning of the Pulmonary Artery, there is a round *Opening*, which is the Mouth of the Aorta, and which is nearly of the same size with that of the Pulmonary Artery.

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Under this opening, the Surface of the Ventricle becomes *smooth* and *equal*, having none of the Columnæ Carneæ which are seen on the other parts of its Cavity.

The Left Ventricle receives the Blood sent to it from the Auricle, and, by a contraction similar to, but much stronger than that of the Right Ventricle, propels it to the Aorta.

At the Mouth of the Aorta, there are *three Semilunar Valves*, with their *Corpuscula AURANTII*, perfectly similar to those of the Pulmonary Artery;—but a little stronger.

On the outside of the Semilunar Valves, are the *Sinuses* of VALSALVA, like those of the Pulmonary Artery, —but a little more prominent.

The Semilunar Valves are pressed back by the Blood, and prevent its reflux during the contraction of the Aorta.—They are returned towards the sides of the Aorta, in the same manner, and from the same cause, as in the Pulmonary Artery.

The Aorta passes upwards from the top of the Left Ventricle, and is situated first behind, and then on the right side of the Pulmonary Artery, and between it and the Superior Cava.

It bears nearly the same proportion in thickness and strength to the Pulmonary Artery, which the sides of the Left Ventricle do to those of the Right.

When the Aorta is about to send off the first of its large Branches at the top of the Thorax, it is of great size, and is sometimes called the *Large Sinus* of VALSALVA.

The Aorta receives the Blood from the Left Ventricle, and by its Muscular contraction re-acts upon it, and assists the Ventricle in sending it by numberless Branches through the different parts of the Body, from whence it is returned by the Veins to the Right Auricle.

Besides the Blood-vessels already taken notice of, and which are common to the Heart and the rest of the Body, the Heart is furnished with Vessels peculiar to itself, termed *Coronary*, from a *Corona* which they form upon its Surface.

The Coronary Vessels consist of *two Arteries* and *one principal Vein*.

The *Coronary Arteries* arise from the Sinuses, at the mouth of the Aorta, opposite to two of the Semilunar Valves.

One runs in a Groove between the Right Auricle and Ventricle, and supplies chiefly the right side of the Heart.

The other passes partly between the Left Auricle and Ventricle, and partly in the Groove between the Ventricles, on the fore-side of the Heart,—supplying the left side of the Heart, and communicating with the Branches of the other Artery on its upper and under Surfaces.

The Coronary Arteries are entirely dispersed upon the substance of the Heart, and upon the roots of the great Vessels, forming upon these some of the minute Branches, termed *Vasa Vasorum*.

The Coronary Arteries, from their situation opposite to the Valves, have been supposed to be filled at a different time from that of the rest of the Arterious System;—but from experiment, it seems now sufficiently evident, that the Coronary Vessels have their pulsation at the same instant with the other Arteries.

The *Coronary Veins* return the Blood from their corresponding Arteries: The greater part of them join into a Trunk, called the *Great Coronary Vein*, which, after making a turn from the left side, and running between the Left Auricle and Ventricle, terminates in the under part of the Right Auricle, where it is covered by its Semilunar Valve.

Other Coronary Veins, much smaller than the former, terminate in different parts of the right side of the Heart.

The *Absorbents* of the Heart go to the neighbouring Lymphatic Glands.

The *Nerves* are from the great Sympathetics and Eighth Pair.

With respect to the Circulation in general:—The Veins return the Blood from all the different parts of the Body, by a slow and equal motion, and without pulsation, to the Auricles, which, on account of the quantity and stimulating quality of the Blood, contract suddenly and at the same time, and send it to the Ventricles.

The Ventricles, from the same cause which stimulates the Auricles, and from the stroke they receive from them, contract convulsively, with a force proportioned to the thickness of their sides, and send the Blood to the Arteries; and, during their contraction, they are thrown by the dilating Auricles against the Ribs, where the stroke occasioned by the Pulse of the Heart may be felt.

The Arteries, by their contractile power and elasticity, send the Blood suddenly to the Veins, through which, by the united force of the Ventricles and Arteries, and likewise, as is supposed by some, by a contractile power of the Veins and pressure of the surrounding parts, it is driven again to the Auricles.

In its course, the Blood performs a double Circulation,—one called the Lesser, or that through the Lungs;—the other called the Greater, or that through the Body.

In the former, it passes from the Right Ventricle to the Lungs, and returns to the Left Auricle.—In the latter, it goes from the left Ventricle to the different parts of the Body, and returns to the Right Auricle.

During this Circulation, the Auricles and Arteries, and the Ventricles and Veins, act in concert, contracting and dilating at the same time.

*Use of the Heart.*—The Heart is the centre of the Vascular System, and the principal agent in the Circulation of the Blood.

The right side of the Heart receives the Blood, which is contaminated in passing through the Body, and sends it to the Lungs, where it is purified through the medium of the Air.

From the Lungs, the Blood, now purified, is returned to the left side of the Heart, to be circulated through all the other parts of the Body, thereby imparting Nourishment, Growth, and Strength to the general System; being found also to be the source of Sensibility, Irritability, and Motion, and likewise of the Animal Heat.

## OF THE LUNGS.

THE *Lungs* are two soft spongy bodies, which occupy by much the greater part of the Cavity of the Thorax.

They completely fill the two bags of the Pleura, and are every where in contact with the parts adjacent; no Air intervening between them and the Thorax.

In *figure*, they have been compared to that of the Foot  
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of an Ox, with the back-part turned forwards;—or, their shape corresponds exactly with the inside of the Thorax, being rounded next the Ribs, hollow towards the Diaphragm, and irregularly flattened and depressed next the Mediastinum and Heart.

They are of a reddish or pink colour in Children, of a light blue or greyish colour in Adults, and more of a purple and livid colour in Old Age, at which period they are also observed to be tinged with black spots, proceeding from a matter secreted in their Substance.

They are joined to the Neck, by the Trachea; to the Spine, by the two Layers of the Mediastinum, which serve them as Ligaments; and to the Heart, by the Pulmonary Vessels;—the rest of them being free and unconnected, unless an adhesion has taken place in consequence of inflammation.

They are divided into *Right and Left Portions*, or *Lungs*, which are separated from each other by the Heart and Mediastinum, and which have no communication, excepting through the Medium of the Trachea.

Each of the Lungs is again divided into large portions, called *Lobes*, which facilitates their motion and the dilatations of their Cells.

Of these Lobes, *three* belong to the Right Lung, corresponding with the larger Bag of the Pleura, and *two* to the Left, between which there is a Notch or Sinus, occupied by the Point of the Heart.

Each of the Lobes is subdivided into many smaller parts, termed *Lobules*, which are of different sizes, and of an irregular angular form.

The Lobules diminish in size, and degenerate at last into small *Vesicles* or *Cells*, which constitute a large share of the Lungs, and which are merely visible to the naked Eye.

The Cells of the Lungs are purely Membranous, of an irregular figure, compressed and closely connected, and have a free communication with each other.

Between the different Lobes, Lobules, and Cells, a large quantity of common Cellular Substance, destitute of Fat, is interposed, which unites and strengthens them, and allows the Blood-vessels to be minutely dispersed over them.

The Cells of the Lungs have no communication with this common Cellular Substance; for when Air is blown

into it, the Lobules are compressed;—but when the Air is blown in through a Branch of the Trachea, the Cells are again distended, and the Lobules recover their former dimensions.

In the Foetus, the Cells are empty and in a collapsed state;—but as soon as Respiration begins, they become distended, and continue so during life, and in every state of Respiration, and even in the recently dead Body:—But if an opening be made into the Cavity of the Thorax, whether in the living or dead Body, and the Air in this or in any other way admitted, they immediately collapse by their own weight and elasticity, the pressure of the Air being then the same on the outer Surface of the Lungs, and inner Surface of the Trachea.

The Lungs are covered by *two Coats*, an External or Common, and an Internal or Proper one.

The *External or Common Coat*, is a continuation or reflection of the Pleura, is extremely thin, but dense, and, like the other parts of the Pleura, is found to possess little Sensibility. It forms a general covering to the Lungs, but does not enter between their different Lobules.

The *Internal or Proper Coat* adheres so firmly to the former, as to appear to constitute part of its Substance. It not only covers the Lungs, but insinuates itself between their Lobules, and is intimately connected with their Cellular Substance.

Besides the Cells, various kinds of Vessels, viz. the *Air-vessels* or *Branches of the Trachea*, *Blood-vessels* and *Absorbents*, together with small Branches of *Nerves*, enter into the composition of the Lungs.

## TRACHEA.

The *Trachea*, or *Aspera Arteria*, so called from the inequality of its Surface, and from its conveying Air, begins at the under part of the Cricoid Cartilage, and descends in the fore part of the Neck, between and behind the Sterno-hyoid and Sterno-thyroid Muscles.

From the Neck, it passes into the Thorax, where it is situated between the Layers of the upper part of the posterior Mediastinum.

Behind the Curvature of the Aorta, and opposite to the

the third Vertebra of the Thorax, the Trachea divides into two Lateral Branches, termed *Bronchi*, from *Βρογχος*, the Windpipe, one of which goes to the Right, and the other, which is the longer of the two, to the Left Lung.

The Bronchi are divided into Branches, which by degrees become smaller, and at last terminate in the Cells of the Lungs, which communicate so freely with each other, that, upon introducing Air into any of these Branches, a large portion of the Lungs may be inflated.

The Trachea consists of *Cartilaginous Rings*, about sixteen or eighteen in number, which give strength and firmness to it, and preserve it constantly open for the transmission of Air. They are incomplete behind, where the Trachea is formed of a *soft Flefhy Substance*, which yields to the Esophagus in the time of Deglutition.

Each Cartilage forms a large segment of a circle, about a line, or one twelfth of an inch in breadth, and one fourth of a line in thickness.

The Cartilages are situated horizontally, with their edges opposed to each other, small spaces intervening between them.

They are united to each other, by a Ligamentous Substance, which is so elastic, that when the Lungs are taken out of the Body, it draws the Cartilages closely together.

At the upper end of the Trachea, two or three of the Cartilages are frequently joined by an union of Substance; but below this, they are perfectly distinct from each other.

The beginnings of the Bronchi have the same kind of Cartilages with the Trachea; but after they enter the Lungs, they are broken into two or three pieces, which go completely round the Bronchi, and are so connected to each other, as to keep the Passage open and free from compression.

The Trachea has several *Coats* entering into its composition, some for strengthening it, others for giving it a certain degree of motion, viz.

A *Cellular Coat*, which, in the Thorax, is covered by the Mediastinum.

An *Elastic Ligamentous Coat*, which passes along the Trachea, and also upon the different Branches in the substance of the Lungs, adding much to the elasticity of these.

A *Muscular Coat*, placed between the Cartilages, and in the back-part of the Trachea, and composed of Circular Fibres without, and Longitudinal Fibres within ;—the former for straitening, the other for shortening the general Passage.

The Longitudinal Fibres are collected into bundles, which are distinctly seen through the inner Coat, and may be traced considerably farther, in the Substance of the Lungs, than the Cartilages.

The inner side of the Trachea is lined with a very *Vascular and Irritable Membrane*, continued from the Mouth, and forming at last the extreme Branches of the Trachea, which terminate in the Cells of the Lungs.

The inner Membrane of the Trachea is every where perforated by the *Ducts* of *Mucous Glands*, and by the *Mouths* of the *Exhalent Arteries*, the former pouring out Mucus to lubricate the Lungs, the other the Vapour which is thrown off in Perspiration.

Three different kinds of Glands are connected with the Trachea,—the *Thyroid*, the *Tracheal*, and the *Bronchial*.

The *Thyroid Gland* has its name from its connection with the Thyroid Cartilage, though more immediately connected with the Trachea.

It is a large reddish mass, situated at the under and fore-part of the Larynx, behind the Sterno-hyoid and Sterno-thyroid Muscles.

It has two Lobes placed at the under and lateral parts of the Larynx, descending a certain way upon the Trachea and Esophagus.

The Lobes are joined by an intermediate portion, which lies across the upper and fore-part of the Trachea.

Sometimes a Process from the middle portion ascends between the Sterno-hyoid Muscles, and is lost behind the Base of the Os Hyoides.

This Gland has a Granulous appearance within, and a viscid Liquor is sometimes observed in it, which has been supposed by SABATIER and others, to lubricate the parts in the neighbourhood.

It is supplied with large Blood-vessels, and with several Nerves, from those of the Larynx ; it is likewise furnished with numerous Lymphatics,—but no Excretory Duct has yet been observed to come from it ; nor is its office yet understood.

The *Tracheal Glands* are small, but numerous, and of different

different sizes, surrounding the Muscular Coat of the Trachea, and its Branches in the Lungs;—the largest of them are placed in the Flethy Substance behind.

From each of these Glands a small Duct issues, and throws out a Mucus, to defend the inner Surface of the Trachea from being injured by the Air, or by the extraneous particles which it carries along with it.

The *Bronchial Glands* are placed in the Cellular Substance round the under end of the Trachea and roots of the Bronchi, where these penetrate into the Substance of the Lungs.

They are of various sizes, from that of the point of the Little Finger to that of a Millet-seed, and have a bluish or black colour, corresponding in a great measure with the colour of the darkest parts of the Lungs.

They were formerly considered by many Authors as sending Fluids to the Trachea, but are now sufficiently known to be entirely of the Lymphatic kind,—the Absorbents of the Lungs passing through them in their way to the Thoracic Duct.

The Trachea is furnished with *Blood-vessels* from the Inferior Laryngeals, and *Nerves* from the Recurrents and great Sympathetic Pair.

The Trachea serves to convey Air into, or out from the Cells of the Lungs, during Respiration, and to carry off the Perspirable Matter from their Arteries in time of Expiration.

The *Blood-Vessels* of the Lungs consist of the *Pulmonary* and *Bronchial Vessels*; the one for the general Circulation, the other proper to the Lungs.

The Pulmonary Artery arises from the top of the Right Ventricle, divides, like the Trachea, into Right and Left Branches, which are dispersed through the substance of the Lungs.

The minute Branches running in the common Cellular Substance, form at last a *Plexus* upon the proper Cells, sometimes called *Rete Mirabile*, and *Rete Vasculosum MALPIGHII*, from which that Halitus is derived which is expelled by the Lungs in Expiration.

The *Pulmonary Veins* are commonly observed to be smaller in proportion to the corresponding Arteries, than Veins are to Arteries in other parts of the Body, which has been supposed to be owing to the large quantity of Fluids expired.—They join into four principal Trunks, which terminate in the Left Auricle.

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The *Bronchial Arteries* arise by three or four small Branches, one of which is from the right Superior Intercoastal, the rest from the Trunk of the Aorta.

They are dispersed upon the Bronchi and Bronchial Glands, and substance of the Lungs in general, and are found to communicate with the Pulmonary Artery.

The Bronchial Arteries are supposed to serve for the nourishment of the Lungs and secretion of the Mucus.

The *Veins* return the Blood to the Vena Azygos, and left Superior Intercoastal Vein.

The *Lymphatics* form a Plexus upon the Surface of the Lungs :—They communicate freely with the deep-seated Absorbents, and pass through the Bronchial Glands.

The Nerves of the Lungs are partly from the great Sympathetics, but chiefly from the Eighth Pair, and are rather small in proportion to the bulk of the organ on which they are dispersed.

The Lungs serve the general purpose of *Respiration*, which consists of *Inspiration* and *Expiration*, or the passage of the Air into or out from the Lungs by the alternate dilatation and contraction of the Thorax.

*Inspiration* is performed in consequence of the Thorax being dilated by the action chiefly of the Diaphragm and Intercoastal Muscles; the Lungs, which are passive, and in contact with the Thorax, following it, and the Air rushing into the Trachea by its own gravity.

*Expiration* is performed in consequence of a relaxation of the Muscles which dilate the Thorax,—of the action of the Abdominal and a few other Muscles,—of the elasticity of the Cartilages of the Ribs, and likewise of the Lungs, by which the Cavity of the Thorax is diminished, and the Air is expelled from the Lungs.

Upon the alternate states of Inspiration and Expiration, depend the formation of the Voice, the sensation of Smell, and all the other functions of the Body :—But the great and principal office of the Lungs, which was formerly supposed to be that of cooling the Blood overheated by friction, is, during Inspiration, to receive from the Atmosphere pure Air, upon which the principle of heat and life depends; and, during Expiration, to carry off an impure Air, which is noxious to Animal Life.

According to late experiments, it appears,—that the Vencus

Venous Blood passing to the Lungs, of a dark red or purple colour, is charged with Carbon or Charcoal, and Hydrogen, or Inflammable Air;—that while circulating upon the Bronchial Cells, one part of the Oxygen, or Vital Air, contained in the common Air which has been inspired, unites with the Carbon and Hydrogen, and forms Fixed Air and a Watery Halitus, which are carried off by Expiration;—that another part of the Oxygen is imbibed by the Blood, which, in consequence of these changes, returns from the Lungs, of a florid red colour, and full of heat in a latent state, which becomes sensible in the course of the general Circulation, and is diffused over the different parts of the Body; and,—that the Blood thus changed also affords a Stimulus to the Arteries, and promotes the different Secretions.

### ESOPHAGUS.

THE ESOPHAGUS, called also *Gula* or *Gullet*, derives its name from carrying what is eaten into the Stomach.

It is a Fleishy Canal, which begins from the inferior part of the Pharynx, descends along the Neck, and through the Thorax, following nearly the direction of the Spine.

It is situated between the Trachea and Vertebrae; and in the Thorax, it proceeds behind the Base of the Heart, and between the Layers of the Posterior Mediastinum, from which it receives a lateral covering.

Soon after entering the Thorax, it makes a slight turn to the right, and passes down upon the fore and right side of the Aorta, by which they are prevented from injuring each other.

In its progress, it inclines more forwards and to the left side; and about the Ninth Vertebra of the Thorax, it perforates the Muscular part of the Diaphragm, and terminates in the upper Orifice of the Stomach.

It has several *Coats* proper to it, the first of which is *Cellular*, and connects it to the adjacent parts.

The second Coat is *Muscular*, and is sometimes termed *Vaginalis Gulæ*.—It consists of two Layers; the external of which has thick, strong, longitudinal Fibres; the internal is formed of circular and transverse Fibres, and is thinner

thinner than the former.—The outer Layer is fitted for shortening and relaxing, and the inner for contracting the Canal, during Deglutition.

The third Coat is termed *Nervous*, but is properly Cellular, being formed of loose Cellular Substance, which connects the Muscular to the Inner Coat.

The *Inner Coat* is continued from the Lining of the Mouth: It consists of many longitudinal *Plicæ* or Folds, which are scarcely visible when the Esophagus is dilated, and is furnished with numerous *Foramina*, which discharge a Mucus, for lubricating the passage, and facilitating Deglutition.

The *Arteries* of the Esophagus are Branches of the Inferior Laryngeals, which supply the Cervical part of it, and Esophageals and Branches of the Bronchials, which are derived from the Aorta Descendens, and supply the Thoracic part of it.

The *Veins* go to the Inferior Laryngeals, to the Vena Azygos, and left Superior Intercoastal Vein.

The *Absorbents* are numerous, and intermix with those of the Heart and Lungs.

The *Nerves* are chiefly from the Eighth Pair.

The *use* of the Esophagus is, to receive the Aliments from the Pharynx, and convey them to the Stomach.

### THORACIC DUCT.

THE THORACIC DUCT is a small Membranous-like Canal, situated in the back-part of the Thorax, and is the principal Trunk of the Absorbent System.

It begins upon the third Vertebra of the Loins, and passes behind the Aorta, crossing obliquely from left to right, till it gets to the right side of that Artery.

Upon the first Lumbar Vertebra, it forms an *Oval Sac*, termed *Receptaculum Chyli*, which is placed behind the Right Crus of the Diaphragm, and a little higher than the Right Renal Artery.

The Duct afterwards passes between the Crura of the Diaphragm, and ascends in the Thorax, on the anterior part of the Spine, between the Layers of the Posterior Mediastinum, on the right side of the Aorta, and between it and the Vena Azygos.

It crosses behind the upper part of the descending  
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Aorta, and emerges from the Thorax, to reach the under part of the Neck.

In the Neck, it passes behind the Internal Jugular Vein, and a little higher than the Subclavian.

It then turns downwards, forming an Arch, which terminates in the upper part of the Angle, between the Internal Jugular and Subclavian of the Left Side.

The Thoracic Duct receives the Chyle from the Lacteals, and Lymph from the Lymphatics, and discharges these into the red Veins.

## OF THE ABDOMEN.

THE *Abdomen* or *Belly* extends from the *Thorax* to the under part of the *Trunk*.

It is bounded above, by the *Diaphragm*, and the *Bones* to which that *Muscle* is fixed; below, by the *Pelvis*; behind, by the *Lumbar Vertebrae* and *Muscles* of the *Loins*; anteriorly, by its *Proper Muscles*; and laterally, by the *False Ribs*, *Ossa Ilii*, and *Muscles* connected with these;—all of which have been described in their places.

It is distinguished into *three Divisions* or *Regions*, termed *Upper*, *Middle*, and *Under Region*; each of which is subdivided into three others.

The *Upper Region* begins opposite to the *Cartilago Ensiformis*, at a small depression called *Scrobiculus Cordis*, or *Pit* of the *Stomach*, and extends to about a hand-breadth from the *Umbilicus* or *Navel*.

The middle of this *Region* is termed *Epigastrium*, or under part of the *Belly*, and the two lateral parts *Hypochondria*, from their lying under the *Cartilages* of the *False Ribs*.

The *Middle Region* occupies an equal distance above and below the *Umbilicus*.—The middle part of it is called the *Umbilical*, and its lateral parts the *Lumbar Regions* or *Loins*.

The *Under Region* begins where the middle one terminates, or at a line drawn between the superior anterior *Spinous Processes* of the *Ossa Ilii*, and forms in the middle, the *Hypogastrium* or bottom of the *Belly*; and at the sides, the *Iliac Regions*.

The *Abdomen* is covered on the outside by the *common Integuments*, and lined within by the *Peritoneum*, in the manner the *Thorax* is lined by the *Pleura*, but without being divided by the intervention of a *Partition*.

The *Abdomen* contains the *Chylopoetic* and *Assistant Chylopoetic Viscera*, or *Organs of Digestion*,—the *Organs of Urine*, and *part of those of Generation*, with the *Vessels* and

*Nerves*

*Nerves* which belong, some of them to these *Viscera*, and others to the lower parts of the *Body*.

The *Chylopoetic Viscera* comprehend the *Stomach*, which is situated in the upper and left part of the *Abdomen*,—the *Intestines*, which fill the greater part of it,—and the *Membranes*, termed *Omenta* and *Mesentery*, which are connected with these.

The *Assistent Chylopoetic Viscera* consist of the *Liver*, which is placed in the upper and right;—of the *Spleen*, which is situated in the upper and left side of the *Abdomen*;—and of the *Pancreas*, which lies under the *Stomach*.

Of the *Organs of Urine*, the *Kidneys* are placed in the back-part of the *Abdomen*, and the *Bladder*, with some of the *Organs of Generation* in the *Pelvis*.

#### PERITONEUM.

The *Peritoneum*, named from its being stretched or spread around the *Bowels*, is a firm but simple *Membrane*, by which the *Abdominal Viscera* are surrounded, and partly supported.

Its *External Surface* is rough and *Cellular*, and closely connected with the parts to which it belongs.

The *Internal Surface* is remarkably smooth, and lubricated by a *Liquor* which is exhaled from its own *Vessels*.

It is very elastic, and admits of great extension, as happens in *Gestation*, *Corpulency*, or *Ascites*; but, upon the causes of extension being removed, it returns to its former dimensions.

It lines the *Diaphragm*, passes downwards, adhering firmly to the *Abdominal Muscles*,—lines the containing, and covers the contained parts of the *Pelvis*, from which it is reflected in the back-part of the *Abdomen*, lining its *Muscles*, and, by its reduplications, covering the *Bowels* and great *Blood-vessels* of that *Cavity*;—though, strictly speaking, the *Abdominal Viscera* may be said to lie on the outside of it.

In its passage from one *Bowel* to another, it forms doublings which serve as *Ligaments* to fix them to each other, and likewise to the *Body*.

It gives a general covering to most of the *Bowels*, a partial one to a few, and to those which are deep-seated, and project least, a still more partial covering.

It forms a large Sac, the posterior part of which adheres firmly to the different Viscera, and the anterior to the Abdominal Muscles;—the part lining the Abdomen being merely in contact with its contents, and allowing a small degree of motion.

The Cellular Substance, on the External Surface of this Membrane, is not every where of equal thickness, being in some parts, as upon the Bowels, remarkably thin; in others, as over the Kidneys, filled with a considerable quantity of Fat.

The Cellular Substance forms various Processes or productions, some of which, as those on the Spermatic Cords, pass through Foramina, to be connected with the neighbouring parts; and the Processes are sent off, without affecting the Internal Membrane, the one not accompanying the other.

The *Vessels* and *Nerves* of the Peritoneum are from those which supply the contiguous parts; its Vessels, however, are not very numerous; neither does it possess much Sensibility when free from disease.

The *Arteries* come from the Internal Mammary, Epigastric, Inferior Intercostal, Lumbar, Sacral, and Ileo-lumbar Arteries, and from those which supply the Abdominal Viscera.

The *Veins* have the same course, bear the same names, and in general pass to the Inferior Cava.

The *Absorbents* are numerous, and run chiefly to the Iliac and Lumbar Plexus.

The *Nerves*, which are few in number and small, are from the Inferior Dorsal, the Lumbar, the Great Sympathetic and Sacral Nerves.

The *use* of the Peritoneum is to line and strengthen the Cavity of the Abdomen; to inclose and assist in supporting its different Viscera; to furnish most of them with an External Coat; to connect them to the Body, and, by its smoothness and slipperiness, to prevent the effects of Friction.

Upon the outside of the Peritoneum are *Four White Lines*, or small Cords, three of which are Vessels in the Fœtus,—one of them a Vein, and two of them Arteries; the fourth is the Urachus.—In the Adult, they are shrivelled up, and serve as Ligaments, the Vein forming the round Ligament of the Liver, the three other Cords, forming Ligaments of the Bladder.

## STOMACH.

THE *Stomach* is a large Bag or Reservoir, situated obliquely across the upper and left part of the Abdomen, in the left Hypochondriac and Epigastric Regions.

It is turned downwards and forwards, so as to form an angle with the Esophagus, the angle becoming more conspicuous, according to the distension of the Stomach.

The right part of the Stomach is situated under the left part of the Liver, the rest of it is placed immediately under the Diaphragm, its extremity being in contact with the Spleen.

The Stomach is long, round, and tapering, and has been compared in shape to the Bag of a Bagpipe.

The size is in proportion to the quantity of Aliment it has been accustomed to receive, and therefore is commonly larger in Men than in Women.

It has a *Large* and *Small Extremity*, an *Upper* and *Under Surface*, a *Great* and *Small Curvature*, a *Left* and *Right Orifice*, and consists of several *Layers* or *Coats*.

The *Large*, called also the *Left Extremity*, is situated in the left side of the Abdomen, and is considerably higher than the Right.

The *Upper Surface* is turned towards the Diaphragm, the *Under* towards the Intestines;—but when the Abdomen is laid open;—unless the Stomach be considerably distended,—the Superior Surface becomes anterior, and the Inferior Surface posterior.

The *Large Curvature* is turned obliquely forwards and downwards towards the Abdominal Muscles, and extends from one Orifice to the other.

The *Small Curvature* is opposed to the other, and turned backwards and upwards, towards the Spine, extending also between the two Orifices.

The *Orifices* are next the Small Curvature. The Left is termed *Cardia*, or *Os Ventriculi*, or *Upper Orifice* of the Stomach.—It is opposed to the Spine, at a little distance from it, and is formed by the termination of the Esophagus.—It allows a free Passage for the Food into the Stomach, the return of which is prevented by the Angle formed by this part of the Stomach, and by the Flethy Parts of the Cardia, and of the Diaphragm in which it is situated.

The *Right*, or *Inferior Orifice*, is commonly termed *Pylorus* from its office as a *Porter*.

It is situated under the small Lobe of the Liver, a little to the right side of the Spine,—is turned more forwards than the Cardia, and is considerably lower, but rises in proportion to the distension of the Stomach.

The Stomach is connected by the Cardia to the Esophagus,—by the Pylorus to the beginning of the Intestines,—by the Peritoneum and Blood-vessels to the Spleen,—and by a reflection of the Peritoneum to the root of the Liver and to the great Intestines.

The *Structure* of the Stomach is in general similar to that of the Esophagus, of which it is a kind of Expansion.

The *Coats* of the Stomach are *four* in number.

The First or *External Coat*, called also *Peritoneal*, is a Reflection of that part of the Peritoneum which comes from the root of the Liver.

It strengthens the Stomach; by its smoothness it diminishes the effect of Friction, and possessing few Nerves or Blood-vessels, it is not very susceptible of pain or inflammation.

The Cellular Substance under the Peritoneal Covering, is described by some Authors as a distinct Coat, called *Tunica Cellulosa Ruyschiana*;—but ought not to be numbered among the Coats of the Stomach.

The Second or *Muscular Coat* is composed chiefly of two Planes of Fibres variously disposed.

The External Plane is longitudinal, extends from the longitudinal Fibres of the Esophagus, and follows the same general course with that of the Stomach from the Great to the Small Extremity.

Upon each side of the Small Curvature, the longitudinal Fibres form a thick, strong, Muscular Band.

The second Plane is chiefly transverse or circular, and considerably thicker and stronger than the other.

Its Fibres are intersected by many small, white, Tendinous-like Lines;—these, however, are in a great measure formed of that Cellular Substance by which the two Coats are united.

The Muscular Coat assists in the Digestion of the Food, by giving a gentle motion to the Stomach, according to the direction of its Fibres, the one set shortening, the other rendering it narrower.

The Pylorus is formed by a doubling of the two inner Coats,

Coats, which project into the Passage between the Stomach and Intestine, and contain a *Ring* of Muscular Fibres, which form a Sphincter, called *Sphincter Pylori*.

This substance, by contracting, prevents the grosser indigested parts of the Aliment from escaping, and, by dilating, allows the Pulpy digested part to pass to the Intestines.

The *Third Coat*, commonly called *Nervous*, but properly *Cellular*, consists of a large quantity of fine Cellular Substance, without Fat, and is intermixed with, and supported by small Aponeurotic-like Filaments, which cross each other obliquely, but which are also of a Cellular nature.

This Coat strengthens the Stomach, and allows the Vessels to be distributed to the Inner Coat, with which it is intimately connected.

The *Fourth* or *Inner Coat*, called also *Villous*, from its resemblance to Velvet, is continued from the Inner Coat of the Esophagus, but is much more Villous.—It is formed of fine, short, prominent Villi, which are crowded with Small Vessels, some for furnishing a Mucous Liquor to the Stomach, others for absorbing a portion of the thinner part of the Food.

The two last Coats are more extensive than the rest, and form, upon the inner part of the Stomach, many doublings, termed *Rugæ*, the greater number of which run in a waving transverse direction, and are afterwards divided into a sort of *Net-work*. Near the Orifices, however, especially towards the upper one, they run more in a longitudinal direction, and have a radiated appearance at the Cardia.

The *Rugæ*, like the *Plicæ* of the Esophagus, are most distinct when the Stomach is empty;—when full, they are much less evident.

They admit of distension without endangering the Vessels and Nerves dispersed in them, and assist a little in detaining the Aliment till properly digested.

From the Inner Surface of the Stomach a Liquor issues, which is found to approach to the nature of Saliva, and is termed *Gastric Juice*.—This was formerly supposed to come from Glands seated in the Third Coat, but is now more frequently considered as a Secretion from the Arteries of the Stomach, no Glands being evident there, at least in the sound state of this Viscus.

The Arteries of the Stomach are derived from the Cœ-

liac Artery. They consist of the Superior Gastric, which supplies the place next the small Curvature; the Right Inferior Gastric, which is a branch of the Hepatic; the Pyloric Arteries, which are small branches from the Gastrics and from the Hepatic; and of the Left Gastric and Arteriæ breves, which are branches of the Splenic Artery.

The *Veins* have the same names, and nearly the same course with the Arteries. The whole of them terminate in the Vena Portæ.

The *Absorbents* of the Stomach are numerous and large. They pass through small Glands situated upon the Curvatures, and go afterwards to the Thoracic Duct.

They appear to carry Lymph only, no Chyle having been detected in them, even in cases where the Lacteals were found full of it.

The *Nerves* are chiefly from the Eighth Pair, and partly from the Great Sympathetics, and are most numerous upon the Cardia.

The Stomach receives the Food from the Esophagus, and afterwards prepares it, by digestion, for the Intestines.

The digestion of the Food in the Stomach is found to be effected,—by Triture, which is performed by the motions of the Stomach and surrounding Muscles,—by dilution,—by a partial fermentation,—but chiefly by the action of the Gastric Juice serving as a Menstruum.

## INTESTINES.

THE *Intestines* consist of a long Cylindrical Canal, which begins at the Inferior Orifice of the Stomach, and, after winding in various directions, terminates in the Anus.

In general they are about six times the length of the Body to which they belong; though, in a person of short stature, the proportional length of the Intestines is greater, and *vice versa*.

They occupy a large part of the Abdomen, and are connected to the Body through their whole extent, by a doubling of the Peritoneum.

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On account of the inequalities of their size, they are divided into *Small* and *Large* Intestines, and each of these is subdivided into others.

#### SMALL INTESTINES.

The *Small Intestines* are smooth on their outer Surface, and of a tapering form, becoming gradually less in their diameter from their upper to their under extremity, and are divided into the *Duodenum*, *Jejunum*, and *Ilium*.

The *Duodenum*, so called from its being about twelve fingers-breadth in length, begins at the Pylorus, and makes a short turn upwards and backwards, by the Neck of the Gall bladder, to which it is contiguous, having the Anterior Layer of the Omentum fixed to its inferior part, and the Omentum Minus to its opposite side.

It then passes obliquely downwards and to the right side, before the great Vessels which go into the Liver, and likewise before the Renal Artery and Vein, included in the Cellular Substance of the Mesocolon.

Opposite to the under part of the Kidney, it makes a turn to the left side, where it is lodged in the common root of the Mesocolon and Mesentery, and receives into its back-part the ends of the Biliary and Pancreatic Ducts, and goes over the Aorta and Vena Cava, opposite the last Vertebra of the Back.

In passing across these Vessels, it is involved in the root of the Mesentery, and ascends a little till it gets to the left side of the Spine, where it perforates the common root of the Mesentery and Mesocolon, and makes a turn forwards, where it obtains the name of *Jejunum*.

The *Jejunum*, so named from its being commonly more empty than the other Intestines, in consequence of the thinner parts of its Contents being sooner absorbed, begins at the last turn of the *Duodenum*, and forms numerous Convolutions, which run in all directions, and are situated in the upper part of the Umbilical Region.

The *Ilium*, named from its numerous Turns, begins where the *Jejunum* terminates, or where the Internal Plicæ become less conspicuous, and is distinguished externally from that Gut, by being smaller, thinner in its Coats, and paler, and from its forming about three-fifths of the length of the two Intestines.

The *Ilium*, like the *Jejunum*, forms many Convolutions, which are situated on the under part of the Umbilical

lical Region, and extend as far as the Hypogastric and Iliac Regions, and not unfrequently, especially in Women, into the Cavity of the Pelvis.

It surrounds the lateral parts of the Jejunum, and is supported by the *Ossa Ilii*; and, the last turn of the Gut passing across towards the upper edge of the Right *Os Ilium*, it terminates by a Valve in the left side of the beginning of the Colon.

Through the whole of this course, the Jejunum and Ilium are fixed to the Spine by a continuation of the Mesentery.

### GREAT INTESTINES.

THE *Great Intestines*, like the Small, form one continued Canal, which tapers from its upper to near its under extremity; but differ from them in being considerably larger, shorter, and straighter, and in being irregular in their Outer Surface, and tacked up into Cells, having besides many Processes depending from them, termed *Appendiculæ Pinguidinosæ*.

Like the Small Intestines, also, they are divided into three parts, termed *Cæcum*, *Colon*, and *Rectum*.

The *Intestinum Cæcum*, or *Blind Gut*, forms a round short Bag, only about three or four Fingers-breadth in length, and nearly the same in diameter. The *Cæcum*, properly so called, is that part of the Intestine which lies under the insertion of the Ilium, though frequently the dilated beginning of the Colon is distinguished by the same name.

It is situated in the Right Iliac Region, resting on the Cavity of the corresponding *Os Ilium*, at the under end of the Right Kidney, and is concealed by the last Convolutions of the Ilium.

The bottom of it is turned downwards, and forms a shut Sac, the mouth of which is turned towards the Colon, and may be considered as forming the *Cæcum Caput Coli*.

At the posterior and left side of the *Cæcum*, there is a *small Process*, about the same length with the *Cæcum* itself, but the diameter not larger than that of a Goose-quill,—termed *Appendix Vermiformis*, from its resemblance to an Earth-worm, and *Appendix Cæci*, from its connection with the *Cæcum*.

It is convoluted, and fixed by its sides to the *Cæcum*.

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It has two extremities, one of which is impervious, the other opens obliquely into the back-part of the Cæcum.

The *Colon*, so called from *κοιλον, cavum*, is by much the longest of the Large Intestines. It encircles the Small Guts, and is contiguous to most of the Abdominal Viscera.

It is a continuation of the Cæcum, beginning at the termination of the Ilium.

It ascends in the Right Lumbar Region, over the Kidney of that side to which it is connected.

From the Kidney, it passes forwards, and crosses the Abdomen in the Epigastric and Hypochondriac Regions, connected to the Duodenum, under the name of *Great Arch of the Colon*.

The right portion of the Great Arch is situated under the Liver and Gall-bladder, which, after death, commonly tinges part of it and of the Duodenum with Bile.

The left portion is situated under the Stomach; and immediately below the Arch, are the Convolutions of the Jejunum.

In the Left Hypochondrium, it turns backwards under the Spleen, and descends in the left Lumbar Region, on the fore-side of the Kidney, to which also it is closely connected.

In the Left Iliac Region, it forms two Convolutions, compared in shape to the Greek *Sigma*, and hence called *Sigmoid Flexure* of the Colon, which afterwards constitutes the Rectum.

The *Sigmoid Flexure* varies considerably in length in different persons, extending frequently into the Hypogastric Region, and in some instances, as far as the Intestinum Cæcum.

The Colon, through its whole extent, is fixed to the Body by means of the Mesocolon.

The *Rectum* begins at the last Lumbar Vertebra, and has its name from appearing straight when viewed anteriorly.

It descends upon the fore-side of the Os Sacrum and Os Coccygis, and terminates in the Anus, a little beyond the extremity of the last named Bone.

In its course, it follows the direction of the Bones over which it passes, turning first downwards, then a little backwards, then forwards, and is fixed to them by the Mesorectum.

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The Rectum differs from the other Intestines, in becoming wider in its progress downwards, and forming below a Reservoir for the Fæces.

At the Anus, it contracts into a narrow Orifice, the sides of which are disposed in close longitudinal folds.

Upon the Outer Surface of the Great Intestines, but more especially upon the Colon, are the *Appendiculæ Pinguedinosæ*, situated at different distances from each other,—thin at their roots, becoming thicker in their bodies, and projecting from the Intestines like so many pendulous Papillæ.

They are covered by the Peritoneum, and are of the same structure and use with the Omentum.

Besides the *Appendiculæ*, there are on both sides of the adhesions of the Mesocolon, *Adipose Strata*, which are of the same nature with the others.

The Colon is divided, longitudinally, into three parts, by as many *Ligamentous-like Bands*, which run upon its Surface.

One of them goes along each side of the Colon; and that most exposed to view when the Omentum is separated, is the largest: The third, which is the smallest, and which was discovered by MORGAGNI, is concealed by the attachment of the Meso-colon.

They begin at the root of the Appendix Vermiformis, and, after running along the Cæcum and Colon, unite into two, and then terminate on the Rectum.

### MESENTERY.

THE *Mesentery* is formed by a doubling of the Peritoneum, which is detached forwards, and includes the Intestines as in a Sling.

It is named from its situation in the middle of the Intestines, and is divided into two parts, one connecting the Small Intestines, and retaining the name of *Mesentery*; the other, the Great Intestines, and termed *Mesocolon*.

The Mesentery begins at the last turn of the Duodenum, and runs obliquely downwards and towards the right side, along the Vertebrae of the Loins, to the first, second, and third of which it is chiefly connected.

Between the two Layers of the Mesentery, are inclosed a considerable quantity of Cellular Substance and Fat,

Fat, the numerous Blood-vessels and Nerves, with the Lacteals and Glands of the Jejunum and Ilium.

Its anterior edge is much more extensive than the posterior, being plaited and folded,—the Plaits corresponding with the Convolutions of the Intestines to which it is fixed.

The *Meso-colon* is the continuation of the Mesentery, which, after reaching the lower extremity of the Ilium, contracts, and obtains this name.

It follows the course of the Great Intestines, and fixes them in their place.

Under the Right Kidney, it is narrow and firm, and forms the Right Ligament of the Colon.

Opposite to that Kidney, it appears to be lost by the immediate adhesion of the Colon to the Kidney and Duodenum.

It then turns across, and forms a broad expansion, which incloses the Arch of the Colon at its anterior edge; and behind, it separates and incloses the anterior part of the Duodenum, and is fixed to the Spine.

It adheres a little to the under part of the left extremity of the Stomach, and afterwards descends over the left Kidney, at the under end of which it forms the left Ligament of the Colon.

It afterwards expands, adheres to the large Psoas Muscle, and forms a loose fold, which retains the Sigmoid Flexure of the Colon.

At the last Vertebra of the Loins, it forms the *Mesorectum*, which by degrees becomes narrower, and disappears towards the under part of the Pelvis, the Rectum being then immediately connected to the Os Sacrum.

Between the Layers of the Mesocolon are placed the Arteries, Veins, and Nerves, with the Absorbents and Glands of the Colon.

The *use* of the Mesentery, in general, is to suspend, connect, and retain the Intestines in their places,—to furnish them with an external Coat,—to receive their Glands, Vessels, and Nerves, and to allow the two last to be properly distributed.

## OMENTUM.

THE *Omentum* or *Cawl*, formerly called *Epiploon*, from its seeming to float upon the Intestines, is a fine Membranous Bag, intermixed with much Fat, and covering a large portion of the Anterior Surface of the Abdominal Viscera.

It is divided into *Omentum Gastro-colicum*, and *Omentum Colicum*, the former common to the Stomach and Colon, the latter proper to the Colon: They are, however, a continuation of one and the same substance.

The *Omentum Gastro-colicum* consists of an anterior and posterior part, each of which is formed of two Membranes intimately united.

In young subjects, the Omentum forms a distinct Bag, but in old people, the layers of which it is composed become more or less incorporated, and Cribriform or Reticular.

The Anterior Layer is a continuation of the Peritoneal Coats, produced from the upper and under Surfaces of the Stomach.

This Production arises from the whole length of the large Arch of the Stomach, and beginning of the Duodenum;—its origin extending as far as the Spleen, and descending to a little below the Umbilicus, especially in fat people,—but without adhering to the Abdominal Muscles behind which it is situated.

Its under edge is reflected, to form the Posterior Layer, which ascends without adhering to the Small Intestines over which it is spread, till it reaches the Arch of the Colon, to the greater part of which Arch, and to the Vessels of the Spleen, it is connected.

The *Omentum Colicum* arises from the right part of the Arch of the Colon, in the manner the other part of the Omentum arises from the Stomach, and sends downwards and to the right side a Cuneiform Process, to be connected to the Cæcum.

Besides the Omentum, there is a Membrane much smaller than the former, situated between the Liver and Stomach, termed *Omentum Hepato-gastricum*, or *Omentum minus* of WINSLOW, or *Membrana Macilentior* of HALLER from its having little Fat in it.

It passes from the fore-part of the Sinus of the Porta,

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to the under and back-part of the Liver, to be connected to the whole edge of the small Curvature of the Stomach, and to the beginning of the Duodenum.

Like the other Omentum, it is composed of two Layers, but is thinner, less Fat, and more uniform in its structure, and also differs from it in having no reflection upwards.

After the Omentum Minus reaches the Stomach, its two Layers separate from each other, inclose that Viscus, and form its External Coat.

At the great Curvature of the Stomach, they rejoin, and form the Anterior, then the reflected or posterior part of the Omentum Majus.

The posterior part separates again into two Layers, which inclose the Colon, and form its External Coat.

At the opposite side of the Colon, the Layers re-unite, and form the Meso-colon.

By the Membrane thus continued, a large irregular Bag is formed, of which the Omentum Minus, Stomach, and anterior portion of the Omentum Majus, constitute the anterior, and the reflection of the Large Omentum, the Colon, and Meso colon, the posterior part.

At the upper and right side of the Sac, there is a Passage large enough to admit a Finger, termed *Foramen WINSLOWI*.

It is situated immediately behind the Cord of the great Vessels which lead to the Liver, and is of a Semicircular form.

It is composed of the Peritoneum, under the appearance of two Ligaments which connect the surrounding parts to each other.

The Foramen of WINSLOW maintains a communication between the Large Sac of the Omentum and common Cavity of the Abdomen, from which circumstance, Fluids generated by disease may readily pass from one of these Cavities to the other.

The Omentum, by its Fatty nature, serves to lubricate the Viscera, and prevent them from being injured by friction.

## STRUCTURE OF THE SMALL INTESTINES IN GENERAL.

The *Structure* of the Small Intestines is nearly similar to that of the Stomach, and the number of their *Coats* the same.

The *External Coat*, excepting in a portion of the Duodenum, is a continuation of that part of the Peritoneum which forms the Mesentery. It closely surrounds the Intestines, adhering to them by fine Cellular Substance.

The *Second*, or *Muscular Coat*, as in the Stomach, is composed of two Planes of Fibres, the External or Longitudinal of which are more minute than the Internal.

The *Circular Fibres* are distinct and numerous: They consist of Segments of Circles, which unite at different distances, so as to surround the Canal.

The *Longitudinal Fibres* shorten, and the *Circular* contract the Intestines; and upon the alternate relaxation and contraction of these Fibres, depends that Vermicular motion, called *Peristaltic*, by which the Contents are pushed through the Canal.

The *Third*, commonly called *Nervous Coat*, like that in the Stomach, is white and firm, and composed of Cellular Substance, without Fat;—its firmness giving strength to the Intestines.

The *Fourth*, or *Villous Coat*, differs from that of the Stomach, in forming, with the Cellular Coat, numerous transverse Folds, termed *Valvulae Conniventes*, from their serving, as a kind of Valves, to retard the motion of the Food.

One edge of these Valves is fixed to the Intestine, the other is loose.—They are much deeper than the Rugæ of the Stomach, and placed opposite to the Interstices of each other, and are of different lengths, not forming entire Circles.

The *Villi* of the Inner Coat are much more conspicuous than in the Stomach, being composed not only of the extremities of Arteries, Veins, and Nerves, but particularly of the Mouths of Lacteal Vessels, the Origins of which are extremely small, and have a fungous appearance.

Numerous *Ducts* of *Simple* and *Compound Glands* terminate on this Coat, for the secretion of Mucus.

The former are called *Solitary*, and the latter *Congregate* ;

gate;—and, from their describers, *Glandulæ PEYERI*, and *Glandulæ BRUNNERI*.

They are in the form of Papillæ, but so minute as seldom to be seen, excepting in the diseased state,—though they are supposed to be dispersed over the whole of the Canal.

### STRUCTURE OF THE SMALL INTESTINES IN PARTICULAR.

The *Duodenum* is the laxest and straightest of the Small Intestines, and so large as to have been considered as a *Ventriculus Succenturiatus*, or *Secondary Stomach*.

It is of a redder colour than the rest, has a thicker Muscular Coat, receives only a partial covering from the Peritoneum, and is fixed more closely to the Body, without floating like the other Intestines.

It is perforated at the distance of three or four fingers-breadth from the Pylorus, by the ends of the Biliary and Pancreatic Ducts, for the reception of Bile and Pancreatic Juice.

In the Duodenum, the Lacteal Vessels begin to make their appearance, and numerous Mucous Glands are found in it, especially near the Pylorus.

The *use* of the Duodenum is, to receive the Food from the Stomach, and detain it till mixed with the Bile and Pancreatic Duct.

The *Jejunum* differs from the Duodenum in deriving its common Coat wholly from the Peritoneum,—in being smaller,—in having a weaker Muscular Coat, the external Fibres of which are extremely minute,—in the Valvulæ Conniventes being larger and more numerous,—and in the Villi and Lacteals which proceed from them being much more conspicuous.

The *Ilium* differs from the former in being less in diameter, and its Coats thinner and of a paler colour, and in having fewer and smaller Lacteal Vessels.—In this Intestine the Valvulæ Conniventes gradually decrease in size and number, and at length entirely disappear.—At its under end, the Mucous Glands are distinct and numerous.

The *use* of the Small Intestines in general is,—to promote the formation of the Chyle,—to allow it to be absorbed,

forbed, and—to propel the remains of the Food into the Large Intestines.

### STRUCTURE OF THE GREAT INTESTINES IN GENERAL.

The Great have the same number of Coats with the Small Intestines, but differ from them in being thicker and stronger.—The *Valvulæ Conniventes* are deep, and placed opposite to each other, and, as in the Small Intestines, diminish in number and in size towards the under extremity.—The Villous appearance is much less distinct.—The Mucous Glands are larger, but simpler than those of the Small Intestines.

### STRUCTURE OF THE GREAT INTESTINES IN PARTICULAR.

The *Intestinum Cæcum* is of the same general structure with the rest of the Great Intestines. Its Villi are very short; and it has a number of solitary Mucous Glands, broader than those of the Small Intestines, which, when diseased, sometimes appear like small-pox, with a perforation in each.

The *Appendix Vermiformis* is of the same structure with the other Intestines, contains no Fæces, but is furnished with numerous Glands similar to those of the Duodenum, the contents of which pass into the Cæcum, a little below the Valve of the Colon, and assist in lubricating that Intestine, and in facilitating the expulsion of the Fæculent Matter.

In the Cæcum, and beginning of the Colon, the Food coming from the Ilium is retained for some time, and, in consequence of absorption, acquires a greater degree of consistency, and receives a foetid smell.

The *Valvula Coli*, sometimes called *Valvula-Ilei*, or *Valvula BAUGHINI*, from its supposed discoverer, and *Valvula TULPII*, from the Author who gives a particular description of it, is situated at the beginning of the Colon, and is placed transversely in the posterior and left part of that Intestine.

It is formed of a projection of the Villous and Nervous Coats, and Circular Muscular Fibres of the Ilium, Cæcum,

Cæcum, and Colon, and has two Folds or Lips, with an aperture in form of a Mouth or Chink between them.

At the ends of the Valves are two cords, termed *Retinacula*, or *Fræna MORGAGNII*, which retain the Valve in its proper situation.

The Valve of the Colon allows a free passage for the Contents of the Small into the Large Intestines, but completely prevents their return.

The *Colon* is of a similar structure with the Cæcum.—The Longitudinal Muscular Fibres are collected upon it into three Fasciculi or Bands, which arise at the root of the Vermiform Process, and are continued along the Colon to the Rectum.

The Longitudinal Bands are shorter than the inner parts of the Colon, and of consequence assist in contracting it, and forming it into Plicæ, which lie across the Gut, answering to the *Valvulæ Conniventes*; only they are at a greater distance from each other, and much larger, dividing the Colon into little apartments, called *Cells*.

The *Cells of the Colon*, with their Partitions, have a threefold order, the Intestine being almost quite smooth or plain, opposite to the Longitudinal Bands.

The Cells assist in preventing the too quick descent of the Fæces.

The *use* of the Colon is,—to receive the Excrementitious parts of the Aliment,—to retain them,—to change them into Fæces, and then, by the peristaltic motion of the Intestines and power of Respiration, to push them, by slow degrees, to the Rectum.

The *Rectum* differs from the Colon in being covered only anteriorly and laterally by the Peritoneum:—Its Muscular Fibres are stronger and thicker, and spread uniformly over the Intestine.—The Circular Fibres are so thick at the end of the Rectum, as to have been named *Internal Sphincter*.

It has no Cells like the Colon; but the Cellular and Inner Coat are so much larger here than they are higher up, as to fall into transverse folds, which, however, disappear in proportion to the distension of the Intestine.

The middle and under end of the Rectum has numerous large Mucous Glands or Follicles.

The extremity of the Rectum forms a firm Circle, which acts as a Valve, and assists the proper Sphincter in preventing the involuntary discharge of the Fæces.

The Verge of the Anus is surrounded with deep Follicles,

lices, the contents of which prevent the tender Skin of the Anus from being excoriated by hard or acrid Fæces.

The Anus is also surrounded with a great deal of Fat, which admits of the dilatation of the Rectum, and facilitates the discharge of the Fæces.

The Rectum receives the Fæces from the Colon, retains them for a certain time, till, by their weight and acrid nature, it is stimulated to discharge them; which it does by the power of its Muscular Coat, and of the Levator Ani, assisted by the action of the Diaphragmatic and Abdominal Muscles.

The *Blood-vessels* of the Intestines are large and numerous, and are derived from different sources.

The Duodenum receives Branches from the Splenic and Hepatic Arteries.

The Jejunum, Ilium, and right half of the Colon, are supplied by the Superior Mesenteric Artery; and the left half of the Colon with the Rectum, by the Inferior Mesenteric Artery.

The *Veins* of all the Intestines send their Blood to the Vena Portæ.

The *Absorbents* of the Intestines are large and numerous.—They arise from the inner Surface of the Intestines, run in the Mesentery and Meso-colon, passing through their numerous Glands.—The Absorbents of the Small Intestines terminate in the receptacle of the Chyle; those of the Large Intestines, which are smaller than the former, go partly to the Thoracic Duct, and partly to the Lymphatics of the Loins.

The *Nerves* of the Intestines are small, but numerous, and are derived partly from the Eighth Pair, but chiefly from the Great Sympathetics.

The Vessels and Nerves of the Omenta are Branches of those which supply the Stomach, and have the name of *Gastro-Epiploic*.

## L I V E R.

THE *Liver* is a large solid Mass, of a dusky red colour, situated immediately under the Diaphragm, extending downwards to the margin of the Thorax, but not going beyond it.

It is placed partly in the Right Hypochondrium, which it in a great measure fills, and partly in the Epigastrium, reaching over a little way into the Left Hypochondrium.

It is *convex* and very *smooth* on the upper Surface, where it is opposed to the Diaphragm, though a little flattened on the upper part of its left side, where it is placed opposite to the Heart.

It is *irregularly concave* on the under side, where it rests upon the Stomach and Intestines, and is perforated by several large Blood-vessels.

It is *thick* on its right and posterior part, and becomes gradually *thinner* towards the left side; is *obtuse* or *blunt* on its posterior, and *acute* or *sharp* on its anterior edge, —and considerably *broader* from one side to the other, than from before backwards.

It is divided into *Prominences* or *Lobes*, two of which, called *Great* and *Small*, or *Right* and *Left Lobes*, are so considerable as to form the Body and whole upper part of the Liver:—The others are small, and are placed upon the under side of the former.

The *Great Lobe* is placed obliquely in the Right Hypochondriac Region, following the Curve of the Diaphragm, and rests upon the Pylorus, Colon, and top of the Right Kidney.

The *Small Lobe*, distinguished from the Great one by a broad Ligament, is placed almost horizontally, chiefly in the Epigastric, and reaching only a little way into the Hypochondriac Region.

—The other Lobes are,—

The *Lobulus Spigelii*, which is small when compared with the two former Lobes, but is the principal one below.

It is situated near the Spine, upon the left side of the Great Lobe, and is of a Pyramidal form, projecting like a Nipple, at the small Curvature of the Stomach.

The

The *Lobulus Caudatus*, which is merely the root, or one of the angles of the *Lobulus Spigelii*, advancing towards the middle of the lower side of the Great Lobe.

The *Lobulus Anonymus*, or *Quadratus*, which is placed between the passage of the round Ligament and the Gall-bladder, and is less prominent, but broader than the former Lobule.

From the *Lobulus Anonymus*, a bridge called *Pons*, or *Isthmus Hepatis*, runs across the Passage for the Round Ligament, to be joined to the Left Lobe:—It is sometimes wanting.

Upon the under side of the Liver, there are several *Fissures*, of which the following are the principal.

The *Great Fissure*, called *Fossa Umbilicalis*, between the Right and Left Lobes, at the under and fore-part of the Liver.

This is terminated by a *Notch* at the fore-part of the Liver,—of different depths in different bodies,—and behind, it is commonly covered with the Bridge above mentioned.

The *Principal Fissure*, termed *Sulcus Transversus*, or *Sinus Portarum*, extending from right to left, between the Great and Small Lobes, and bounded by these Lobes at its extremities, and by the *Lobulus Anonymus* before, and the *Lobulus Spigelii* behind, the two latter forming parts compared by the Ancients to a Gate, and therefore called *Porta*.

The *Depression* between the Great Lobe and *Lobulus Spigelii*, for the passage of the Inferior Vena Cava, which has frequently a bridge over it, forming it into a Canal.

A *Small Depression*, called *Fossa Ductus Venosi*, between the Left Lobe and *Lobulus Spigelii*, running a little obliquely from right to left side, and receiving a Ligament,—which is a Branch of the Umbilical Vein in the Fœtus.

The Liver is connected to the Body by different *Processes*, termed its *Ligaments*, all of which, excepting one, are formed by doublings of the Peritoneum, viz.

The *Ligamentum Latum*, or *Suspensorium Hepatis*, placed between the Right and Left Lobes above, and extending below into the *Fossa Umbilicalis*.

It is fixed obliquely to the Diaphragm and tip of the Ensiform Cartilage, and then descends in the same oblique direction, adhering to the inner part of the Vagina of the Right Rectus Abdominis Muscle, as far as the Umbilicus.

The

The *Ligamentum Rotundum*,—which is the Umbilical Vein in the Fœtus, placed in a doubling at the under part of the *Ligamentum Latum*, and fixed to the Umbilicus.

These two Ligaments have been supposed to resemble a *Falx*, with the edge turned uppermost, from which circumstance the *Ligamentum Latum* is sometimes also called *Falciforme*.

The *Ligamentum Dextrum*, or *Right Lateral Ligament*, which is short, and connects the back-part of the right extremity of the Great Lobe to the Diaphragm.

The *Ligamentum Sinistrum*, or *Left Lateral Ligament*, which is longer than the former, and connects the left extremity of the Small Lobe to the Diaphragm.

The *Ligamentum Coronarium*, considered by some as merely Cellular Substance, and by others as a reflection of the Peritoneum, or both.—It unites the root of the Liver to the Tendinous Portion of the Diaphragm.

Besides the Ligaments already mentioned, two others are described by HALLER; one called *Hepatico-colicum*, which passes from the Gall-bladder and contiguous Sinus Portarum, across the Duodenum, to the Colon;—another called *Hepatico-renale*, which descends from the root of the Liver to the Kidney.—These, as well as the other Ligaments of the Liver in general, are productions of the Peritoneum.

The Ligaments of the Liver preserve it in its proper situation, and of course prevent it from inclining too much in any direction.—The Stomach and Intestines support it when the Body is upright, and the Diaphragm, when the Body is inverted.

The Liver has a simple Coat adhering closely to it, which it derives from the Peritoneum, and is every where covered by this Membrane, excepting behind, where it adheres to the Diaphragm by Cellular Substance.

The Substance of the Liver is composed of several kinds of Vessels, the extreme Branches of which are intermixed in such a manner, as to form numberless Pulpy Corpuscles, named *Acini*, from a resemblance to small Stones or Kernels of Fruit, which, when minutely examined, are observed to be composed of Vessels in the form of radiated *Villi* or *Penicilli*.

The *Vessels* of the Liver are, the *Hepatic Artery*, *Vena Portarum*, *Venæ Hepaticæ*, *Absorbents*, and *Biliary Ducts*.—It has likewise numerous *Nerves*.

The Trunks of the Hepatic Artery, *Vena Portæ*, Biliary

lary Ducts, and Nerves, with the Absorbents and Lymphatic Glands of the Liver, form a large *Cord* at its under part.

The Artery is situated in the left part of the *Cord*, the Vein in the right, with the Trunk of the Biliary Ducts before it;—the Nerves and Lymphatics surrounding the great Vessels.

The *Cord* of Vessels and Nerves is intermixed with much Cellular Substance, and covered externally by a reflection of the Peritoneum, which has obtained the name of *Capsule of GLISSON*.

The Branches of Vessels and Nerves accompany each other through the substance of the Liver, forming small Fasciculi, in a manner somewhat similar to that by which the *Cord* is formed by their Trunks.

In their course through the Liver, the Branches of the different Vessels and Nerves, but particularly those of the *Vena Portæ*, are inclosed in a large portion of Cellular Substance, which is also frequently called *Capsule of GLISSON*, from that Author supposing it to be a continuation of the *Capsule* which covers the Vessels before they enter the Liver.

The *Hepatic Artery* is derived from the *Cœliac*, and is dispersed throughout the whole substance of the Liver, and also upon the Coat which covers it, and is so small, when compared with the bulk of the Liver, as to have been generally supposed to be destined for the nourishment merely of that Viscus; but from injections passing from the Artery to the Biliary Ducts, and from other causes, it has been supposed by some Anatomists, that the *Hepatic Artery* is not only intended to nourish the Liver, but is capable of secreting part of the Bile;—and this supposition is farther confirmed, from the *Vena Portæ* having, in a recent case, been found wanting, while, at the same time, the *Hepatic Artery* was larger than usual, and the Veins, which commonly form the *Vena Portæ*, terminated in the *Vena Cava*.

The *Vena Portæ* is named from its situation with respect to the *Porta* of the Liver.

It partakes of the nature of an Artery and a Vein:—Like the former, it carries the Blood from the Trunk to the Branches, and, like the latter, it carries it to the Heart;—or it is peculiar in the Blood, in one part flowing from the Branches to the Trunk, and in another from the Trunk to the Branches.

It is formed by the Veins of the Stomach and Intestines, joined to those of the Spleen, Omentum, and Pancreas, and approaches to the nature of an Artery in the thickness of its Coats, though it has no pulsation.

It passes to the Porta, where, from its great size, it is named *Sinus* of the Vena Portæ, and divides into Branches which accompany those of the Artery in their course through the substance of the Liver, terminating at last in the Pulpy Corpuscles.

The *Vena Portæ* serves to carry Venous Blood to the Liver, for the secretion of the Bile.

The *Venæ Hepaticæ* are numerous. They are reflected partly from the extremities of the Artery, and partly from those of the Vena Portæ. They unite by degrees, and accompany the other two sets of Vessels; but at the root of the Liver they form two or three large Trunks which terminate in the Vena Cava, where it is about to perforate the Diaphragm.—They likewise send off some small Branches which terminate in the Cava, where that Vein lies behind the Liver.

The *Venæ Hepaticæ* receive the Blood from the Hepatic Artery and Vena Portæ, after the Bile has been secreted, and return it to the Vena Cava, to be conveyed by it to the Heart.

The *Lymphatics* of the Liver are so numerous as to cover almost the whole of its outer Surface. They discharge their contents, partly into the beginning of the Thoracic Duct, and partly to a Plexus situated in the fore-part of the Thorax.

The *Nerves* of the Liver are also numerous. They arise from the Great Sympathetics and Eighth Pair, and accompany the Blood-vessels.

The *Biliary Ducts* arise by extremely minute Branches, termed *Pori Bilarii*, or *Tubuli Biliferi*, chiefly from the extremities of the Vena Portæ, in the Substance of the Corpuscles, through the whole of the Liver.

The *Pori Bilarii* run in company with the Branches of the Artery and Veins, and unite into larger and larger Branches, which afterwards go into two, and these again into a single Trunk in the Sinus Portarum, called *Ductus Hepaticus*.

The *Ductus Hepaticus* serves to carry the Gall or Bile, which is of a yellow green colour, from the Liver,—and to convey it by the power of the Heart, Hepatic Artery, and Vena Portæ, assisted by the pressure of the surrounding

ing Muscles, to the Duodenum, and partly to the Vesicula Fellis.

The *Vesicula*, or *Cystis Fellis*, or *Gall-bladder*, is a small, oblong, Pyriform Bag, consisting of a Bottom, Body, and Neck, situated upon the concave side of the Great Lobe of the Liver, and placed in a transverse direction from behind forwards.

It extends from the Sinus Portarum, where the Neck is situated, to the anterior edge of the Liver, and, when full, advances beyond the edge of the Liver, so as sometimes to have its Fundus opposed to the soft parts of the Abdomen, under the edge of the False Ribs.

The bottom is a little lower than the Neck, when the Body is in the erect posture. It inclines also a little to the right side, and rests upon the Colon at the beginning of the Duodenum.

It is composed of several *Coats*, the *external* of which is a continuation of the Membrane of the Liver: This, however, is only a partial Coat covering that part of the Gall-bladder which projects beyond the Surface of the Liver.—It serves to give strength to the Gall-bladder, and to fix it to the Liver.

Under the former Coat, a few pale scattered Fibres, running in various directions, are sometimes observed, which have been considered as a *Muscular Coat*; and under this is a small quantity of Cellular Substance, which has obtained the name of *Nervous Coat*.

The *Inner Coat*, sometimes called *Villous*, is full of small Reticular Rugæ or Folds, which become extremely minute towards the Cervix, where they run in a longitudinal direction.

The Surface of this Coat is every where perforated by the Ducts of small Follicles, which discharge a viscid Mucus, to defend the Surface of the Inner Coat from the Stimulant nature of the Bile.

The Gall-bladder is connected through its whole length to the Liver by Cellular Substance, Blood-vessels, and Absorbents, among which the *Hepato-cystic Ducts*, similar to those found in many Animals, were in former times described, and supposed to carry the Bile found in the Gall-bladder immediately from the Liver. It is now sufficiently ascertained,—that no such Ducts exist in the Human Body.

The Gall-bladder has Blood-vessels, Absorbents, and Nerves,

Nerves, in common with those of the Liver.—Its Veins pass into the Vena Portæ.

The Neck of the Gall-bladder is twisted and folded against itself, and afterwards contracts and sends out a Duct called *Cysticus*, which runs near the *Ductus Hepaticus*, and then joins it, to form the *Ductus Communis Choledochus*.

The *Ductus Cysticus* is smaller than the *Ductus Hepaticus*, and differs from it also in having a number of imperfect Partitions or *Plicæ*, running in a somewhat spiral direction, and forming it into Cells which retard the flow of the Bile.

The Gall-bladder serves as a receptacle for the Bile, when the Stomach and Intestines are empty and have no need of it, and retains it till wanted for the purpose of digestion.—It is afterwards discharged from the Gall-bladder, when the Stomach is full, into the *Ductus Communis*, and from that to the Duodenum, chiefly by the pressure of the surrounding Viscera, and partly, as some Anatomists suppose, by a contractile power in the Gall-bladder itself.

The whole of the Bile contained in the Gall-bladder is found, by experiment, to pass from the Liver through the Hepatic Duct to the *Ductus Communis*, and from that by the Cystic Duct into the Gall-bladder.

The Bile returning from the Gall-bladder is observed, from the thinner parts being absorbed, to be thicker, more acrid and bitter, and of a deeper colour, than that which flows from the Liver.

The *Ductus Communis Choledochus*, called *Choledochus* from its conveying Bile, is about the size of a Goose-quill, and is considerably larger than either of the Ducts which open into it.

It descends at the posterior and left part of the Duodenum, and passes for some way obliquely between the Muscular and Inner Coats of that Gut,—the obliquity answering the purpose of a Valve.

It terminates in the left, posterior, and near to the under part of the second Turn of the Intestine, by a projecting Orifice, which is rounded above, and pointed below.

The Structure of the *Ductus Choledochus*, and of the Biliary Ducts in general, is of the same nature, being entirely Membranous: The Inner Surface of the Ducts also agrees in being perforated by numberless pores, which

are the Mouths of Mucous Follicles, similar to those upon the inside of the Gall-bladder

The Bile serves to mix the different parts of the Food properly together, for the formation of the Chyle,—to correct too great a disposition to acidity,—and to excite the Peristaltic motion of the Intestines.

## SPLEEN.

THE *Spleen* is a soft and very Vascular Substance, and of a purple colour.

It is somewhat depressed, is of a long oval form, and of a considerable size, but varying in this respect in different subjects.

It is situated in the Left Hypochondriac Region, between the large extremity of the Stomach and corresponding False Ribs;—its under end lying behind the Colon, and over the top of the Left Kidney.

The situation of the Spleen varies a little, according to the state of Respiration, and to the fullness or emptiness of the Stomach;—rising or falling as the Lungs are less or more dilated, and becoming more oblique in its situation,—with its inferior extremity turned more forwards,—in proportion as the Stomach becomes more distended.

Its *External Surface* is convex and uniform, like that of the Ribs, &c. to which it is opposed.

Its *Internal Surface*, or that next the Spine, is irregularly concave; and is divided into an Anterior and Posterior Plane, by a longitudinal Groove or Fissure, where the Vessels and Nerves enter.

The Anterior Plane is more concave than the Posterior, corresponding to the contiguous convexity of the Stomach.

The Spleen has frequently deep *Fissures* upon its edges;—sometimes it has small *Appendages* attached to it, and not unfrequently there is one or more *Small Spleens* connected with it.

At the <sup>upper</sup> ~~under~~ side, it is fixed to the Omentum, and, by means of that and Blood-vessels, to the Stomach and Pancreas.—Behind, it is connected to the Diaphragm; and below, to the Left Kidney and Colon, by reflections of the Peritoneum, and by Cellular Substance.

It is covered by a *double Membrane*, one Layer of which

which is a production of the Peritoneum, the other proper to the Spleen itself; but so closely connected to the common Coat, that they appear to be one and the same Membrane.

The substance of the Spleen is remarkably soft, and is by much the most tender of the Abdominal Viscera.

It consists of a Congeries of Blood-vessels, Lymphatics, and Nerves, joined together and supported by a large quantity of Cellular Substance.

The extreme Branches of the Blood-vessels put on the appearance of *Penicilli*, or small *Brushes*, which have been mistaken for Glands.

These Vessels are so tender, that when an injection is forcibly thrown into either Artery or Vein, it bursts into the common Cellular Substance, and gives the appearance of Follicles or Cells.

The *Blood-vessels* of the Spleen are among the largest of the Body, in proportion to the Viscus on which they are dispersed.

The *Artery* is a principal Branch of the *Cæliac*.—It runs in a serpentine direction, and, after sending Branches to the Pancreas, &c. and the *Arteriæ Breves* to the left end of the Stomach, it goes into the substance of the Spleen, where it is subdivided into Branches, which are crowded together, and run in every direction, forming at length Plexus and *Penicilli*, which terminate in the Branches of the corresponding Vein.

The Vein, like that in most other Viscera, is larger than the Artery:—It receives the Blood immediately from the terminations of the Artery, without the intervention of Cells.

The Splenic Vein receives the *Venæ Breves* of the Stomach, the Pancreatic Veins, &c. and forms one of the principal Branches of the *Vena Portæ*.

The *Lymphatics* from the superficial parts of the Spleen join the deep-seated Absorbents at the Fissure where the Blood-vessels enter, and afterwards pass through several Conglobate Glands lying over the Splenic Artery.

They intermix with Lymphatics belonging to several other Viscera, and terminate in the Thoracic Duct.

The *Nerves* of the Spleen, which are small, but considerable in number, are Branches of the Great Sympathetic and Eighth Pair, and form an irregular Plexus which surrounds the Vessels.

No Excretory Duct has been found to proceed from

the Spleen, in consequence of which very various opinions have been entertained with respect to the use of that Organ.

Many of the ancients were of opinion,—that besides the Bile of the Liver, there was an *Atra Bilis*, or *Black Bile*, and that the Spleen was the receptacle of the latter.

Others have thought a particular *Menstruum* was secreted in it, and conveyed to the Stomach for the purpose of digestion.

Others again,—that the Blood of the Spleen promotes the sluggish circulation of the Blood of the Vena Portæ.

The late Mr HEWSON, who has written particularly on the Spleen, was of opinion it concurred with the Thymus and Lymphatic Glands, in forming the red Globules of the Blood, and that these Globules were rendered complete in the Spleen.

It has been also supposed,—that as the Stomach becomes full, the Spleen is compressed by it, in consequence of which a greater quantity of Blood is sent to the Pancreas, for the Secretion of the Pancreatic Juice.

But the present most prevalent opinion is,—that the Blood undergoes some change in it, which renders it useful in the secretion of the Bile;—and the opinion is supported from the great quantity of Blood with which this Organ is known to be supplied, and from its Vein, not only in Man, but in other animals, passing to the Vena Portæ.

## PANCREAS.

THE *Pancreas*, i. e. *All Flesh*, or the *Sweet Bread*, is a long flat Gland of the Conglomerate kind, and of the same nature with the Salivary Glands, of which it may be reckoned the largest.

It is situated in the Epigastric Region, and is placed transversely in the back-part of the Abdomen, between the Stomach and Spine.

It has a large or Right Extremity, and a small or Left one, an Anterior and Posterior Surface, and an Upper and Under Edge.

The Right Extremity is attached to the left side of the second Turn of the Duodenum, or to that part where the Intestine is about to go across the Spine.

From the under part of the Right Extremity, the  
Pancreas

Pancreas sends down an Elongation or Process, which adheres closely to the Duodenum.

This Process was discovered by WINSLOW, and termed by him *Pancreas Minus*.—It is also called *Head of the Pancreas*.

The Body of the Pancreas passes before the upper part of the transverse portion of the Duodenum, and over the Aorta, Vena Cava, and part of the Splenic Vessels, to all of which it is attached.

The small extremity, which is rounded, is fixed to the Spleen, through the medium of the large Omentum.

The Pancreas is covered anteriorly by the two Layers of the root of the Meso-colon;—posteriorly, it is only covered with Cellular Substance, which connects it to the Vertebrae.

It is composed of Acini, which form small Glands or Lobes; and these are connected loosely by Cellular Substance, in such a manner as to give an appearance of uniformity and smoothness to the External Surface.

The Arteries of the Pancreas are derived, partly from the Hepatic, but chiefly from the Splenic, by several small Branches, which pass at various places into its Substance, in a transverse direction.

The Veins correspond in name and course with the Arteries, and assist in forming the Vena Portæ.

The Lymphatics run to the Splenic Plexus, and terminate in the Thoracic Duct.

The Nerves of the Pancreas are small: Like those of the other Viscera of the Abdomen, they are derived from the Great Sympathetic and Eighth Pair.

From the different Acini of the Pancreas, small Ducts arise, which join into larger ones running transversely in the Substance of the Pancreas, and forming a common Duct, called *Ductus Pancreaticus*.

The *Pancreatic Duct*, termed also *Ductus WIRTSUNGI*, after the discoverer of it in the Human Body, is remarkably thin, of a white colour, and semi-transparent.

It begins at the Left Extremity of the Pancreas, runs in the substance of the Gland, a little below its middle height, and becomes gradually larger in consequence of receiving the different Branches which compose it,—and is at last about the size of a Raven's-quill.

At the Right Extremity of the Pancreas, it receives the Principal Duct of the Pancreas Minus, and terminates obliquely in the Duodenum along with the Ductus

**Communis Choledochus.**—In some rare cases, however, it terminates at a little distance from the Biliary Duct; and sometimes also, the Duct of the Pancreas Minus ends separately in the Duodenum.

The Pancreas secretes a *Liquid* or *Juice*, resembling Saliva in quality and appearance, and discharges it by its Excretory Duct into the Duodenum.

The *Pancreatic Juice* incorporates the Bile with the Alimentary Mass, and may be said also to answer the same purpose to the contents of the Intestines, which the Gastric Juice does to those of the Stomach;—or, it finishes that digestive Process in the Intestines which was begun in the Stomach.

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KIDNEYS.

THE *Kidneys* are two Glandular bodies, of a pale red colour, situated in the upper and back-part of the Abdomen, in the Lumbar Region.

They are placed one on each side of the Spine, extending from the Eleventh Pair of Ribs to near the *Ossa Ilia*; and rest upon the Diaphragm, large *Psoæ*, *Quadrati Lumborum*, and *Transversales Abdominis Muscles*.

The Right Kidney is situated at the under and back-part of the large Lobe of the Liver, behind the Colon, and is commonly a very little lower than the left.

The left Kidney is placed at the under and back-part of the Spleen, and behind the left parts of the Stomach, Pancreas, and Colon.

The Kidney is about five or six fingers breadth in length, but considerably less from the outer to the inner side, and less than that still from before backwards; or, it is compared in shape to a *French* or *Kidney bean*.

It is rounded anteriorly, flattened posteriorly, convex and uniform at its outer margin, and has a deep depression or Sinus towards the *Vertebræ*, surrounded with unequal edges, where the Renal Vessels and Nerves enter.

It is a little broader behind than before, and a little broader and more curved above than below, from which circumstance, but more particularly from the disposition of the Vessels to be afterwards mentioned, it is easy to distinguish the Right from the Left Kidney when taken out of the Body.

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The Right Kidney is connected to the Liver and Duodenum, the Left to the Spleen, and both to the Muscles on which they are placed, and to the Renal Glands and Colon, by Cellular Substance and by the Peritoneum.

They are also connected to the Aorta and Vena Cava by the Blood-vessels, and to the Bladder of Urine by the Ureters.—They accompany the motions of the Liver and Spleen, in the different states of Respiration.

Each Kidney is surrounded by loose Cellular Substance, which commonly contains a considerable quantity of Fat, from which it is termed *Tunica Adiposa*.

The *Tunica Adiposa* covers not only the Kidney, but large Vessels, and defends them from the pressure of the surrounding Viscera.

Under the *Tunica Adiposa*, there is a *Membrane* composed of the original proper Coat and Cellular Substance incorporated, which adheres closely to the Kidney, and is reflected over the edges of the Sinus, to be joined to the Pelvis and large Vessels.

The substance of the Kidney is commonly smooth and uniform, though sometimes it is irregular, in consequence of the Lobes which originally form it not being completely incorporated.—It consists of an outer part called *Cortical*, and an inner termed *Medullary*.

The *Cortical Substance*, termed also *Secerning*, surrounds the Kidney, and forms about a third of its breadth;—it likewise sends in Processes or Partitions, which separate the Medullary parts from each other.

The *Medullary*, termed also *Uriniferous Substance*, is of a redder colour than the former, and is divided into a number of distinct Columns, each of which terminates in a projection called *Papilla*, or *Processus Mammillaris*.

The *Papillæ* are merely the continuation of the Uriniferous part; though frequently considered as a third division of the substance of the Kidney.

Each Kidney has one, and sometimes more *Arteries*, which run transversely from the Aorta, and a Vein still larger, which terminates in the Cava.—They enter at the Sinus of the Kidney, and are included in Cellular Substance, which accompanies them throughout their course.

The Right Renal Artery is longer than the Left, in consequence of the Vena Cava, behind which it passes, being placed upon the Right Side of the Aorta.

The Artery, as it approaches the Kidney, is divided into

into Branches, which are afterwards minutely distributed through the Cortical Substance, forming Arches and Anastomoses;—but these are found to be much less frequent than are commonly described.

The small Branches, after turning and winding in various directions, pass partly towards the Surface of the Kidney, where they form irregular *Stars*, some of which supply the proper Membrane.

Others turn inwards in a waving direction, and form *Corpuscles*, which are disposed somewhat after the manner of *Clusters of small Berries*, which can only be seen distinctly by the assistance of Glasses, after a minute injection.

The *Corpuscles* were considered by Dr NICHOLS as the Globular terminations of Blood-vessels, and termed by him *Globuli Arteriarum Termini*;—but these Globuli were afterwards observed by Mr HEWSON to consist of small Vessels intimately intermixed.

The *Veins* returning from the extremities of the Arteries unite in the Cortical Substance of the Kidney.

The Branches of the Renal Vein are much larger than those of the Artery, but correspond with them in their course.—They form a large Trunk on each side, which lies anterior to the corresponding Artery, and runs transversely to the Cava;—the left, which is the larger of the two, passing across the fore-part of the Aorta.

The *Lymphatics* of the Kidney run from without inwards, and terminate in the Lumbar Glands, and afterwards in the Thoracic Duct.—The Superficial Lymphatics are so small, as seldom to be seen, excepting in the diseased state of the Kidney.

The *Nerves* are from the Semilunar Ganglion formed by the great Sympathetic and Eighth Pair. They form a Plexus which surrounds the Blood-vessels, and accompanies them in the Kidney.

From the minute extremities of the Renal Artery, in the Corpuscles seated in the Cortical Substance, the *Uriniferous Tubes* arise. They are mixed with some extremely small Blood-vessels, and constitute the Medullary Substance of the Kidney.

By degrees they unite into larger Tubes, which run in a radiated manner, the direction being from the outer edge or circumference, towards the inner part or Cavity of the Kidney.

The radiated Tubes, becoming still larger in their passage,

passage, terminate in the *Papillæ*, which are of a compressed conical form, and are at a little distance from each other.

The *Papillæ* are twelve or more in each Kidney, the number varying according to that of the original Lobes of which the Kidney is composed, and likewise from some of the *Papillæ* being incorporated with each other.

Upon the points of the *Papillæ* are the terminations of the Uriniferous Tubes,—large enough to be distinguished by the naked Eye,—through which the Urine distils from the Substance of the Kidney.

Round the root of each *Papilla*, a Membranous Tube arises, termed *Infundibulum* or *Calix*, which receives the Urine from the *Papillæ*.

The *Infundibula* are commonly the same in number with the *Papillæ*; the number, however, varying in different subjects, two or more of the *Papillæ* sometimes opening into the same *Infundibulum*.

The *Infundibula* join into two or three larger Trunks, which afterwards form a Dilatation of considerable size, of the shape of an inverted Cone, and termed *Pelvis* of the Kidney.

The *Pelvis* is placed partly within, but the greater part of it without the body of the Kidney, and contracts into a long Tube, about the size of a Writing-pen, called *Ureter*.

The *Ureters* are commonly one to each Kidney, though in some rare instances they are double on one or on both sides.

The Artery of the Kidney is placed uppermost,—the Vein in the middle and fore-part,—and the *Pelvis* and beginning of the *Ureters* at the under and back-part of the Blood-vessels.

The *Ureters* descend obliquely inwards behind the Peritoneum, and go over the great *Psoæ* Muscles and *Iliac* Vessels, opposite to the anterior and lateral parts of the *Os Sacrum*.

They pass afterwards into the *Pelvis*, and terminate in the under, outer, and back-part of the Bladder.

In their descent, they are not straight, but form turns which are commonly compared to the Italic *f*;—neither are they cylindrical, as they form slight dilatations and contractions in their course, two of which contractions are more observable in their passage over the *Psoæ* Muscles, and at their insertion into the Bladder.

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The Ureters are covered anteriorly by the Peritoneum, and composed of an *External Membranous Coat*, a *middle Muscular* one, formed chiefly of circular Fibres, and an *Internal Coat*, sometimes called *Villous*.

The Inner Coat is very Vascular, and is perforated by the Mouths of small Ducts, which line it with a Mucus to defend it from the Urine.

The Vessels and Nerves of the Ureters are from those of the contiguous parts.

The *Use* of the Kidneys is to secrete the Urine from the Blood, and convey it by means of the Ureters to the Bladder.

## RENAL GLANDS.

THE *Renal Glands*, termed also *Capsulæ Atrabiliarie*, *Capsulæ Renales*, *Reves Succenturiati*, and *Glandulæ Supra-renales*, are two small, flat, Glandular-like bodies, of a dark-yellow-colour, lying in the upper and back-part of the Abdomen.

They are situated at the upper, inner, and fore-part of the Kidneys, over the large Psoæ Muscles and Diaphragm, and higher than the Renal Vessels.

They are of an irregular figure, and are about a couple of fingers-breadth in length, but much larger, proportionally, in the Fœtus than in the Adult.

The Right one is connected to the Liver, the Left to the Spleen and Pancreas, and both to the small Muscle of the Diaphragm, and to the Psoæ Muscles and Kidneys, by Cellular Substance. They are likewise retained by numerous Vessels and Nerves which are spread over them.

They are surrounded by Cellular Substance, which is part of the Tunica Adiposa of the Kidneys, and have a thin proper Coat, which adheres firmly to them.

They are frequently observed to be hollow, and to contain a dark-coloured Bilious-like matter, which is considered by many Anatomists as the Internal, very Vascular and tender parts melted down by putrefaction.

Their *Arteries* come from those of the adjacent parts, particularly from the Renal, and also from the Aorta, and Diaphragmatic Arteries.

Of the principal *Veins*, the Right goes to the Vena Cava, and the Left to the Renal Vein.

The *Lymphatics* go chiefly to those of the Kidneys.

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The Nerves come principally from the Renal Plexus. They have no Excretory Ducts.

The Renal Glands have been supposed to furnish Lymph for the dilution of the Blood returning in the Renal Veins, after the secretion of the Urine ;

Or,—to restore to the Blood of the Vena Cava the irritable parts which it loses in the secretion of the Urine and Bile ;

Or,—to convey something useful to the Thoracic Duct ;

Or, in the Fœtus,—to divert the Blood from the Kidneys, and thereby lessen the quantity of Urine.

But their *use* is still undiscovered ; though it is supposed from their vicinity to the Kidneys, not only in Man, but in many other animals, that they are subservient to these Organs, and particularly to those of the Fœtus.

### VESICA URINARIA.

THE *Vesica Urinaria*, or *Bladder of Urine*, is a large Sac situated in the Pelvis of the Abdomen, in the bottom of the Hypogastric Region.

It is placed in the fore-part of the Pelvis, behind the *Ossa Pubis*, and before the upper, and above the under portion of the *Intestinum Rectum*.

When empty, it is contracted into a small size, which occupies the under and fore-part of the Pelvis ; but, when fully distended, it rises above the brim of that Cavity, and sometimes ascends to within a little distance of the *Umbilicus*.

When moderately dilated, it is of a roundish, or irregular oblong form, but a little flattened before, more convex behind, and broader at its anterior and posterior, than towards its lateral parts,—a little more capacious, also, below than above, especially at its posterior part.

It is distinguished into *Fundus*, *Body*, and *Cervix*, the first of which is placed upwards and a little forwards ;—the last at the under and fore-part.

It is connected below to the *Rectum*, and at the sides to the Pelvis by the reflected *Peritoneum* and *Cellular Substance*, the former of which, when the Bladder is empty, has the appearance of lateral Ligaments.

It is attached, at the fore-part of its *Body*, by *Cellular Substance*, to the *Ossa Pubis*, without the intervention of the *Peritoneum*.

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It is also fixed to the Umbilicus by three Ligaments situated between the Peritoneum and Abdominal Muscles.—They are formed of the Urachus running upwards from the Fundus, and the shrivelled Umbilical Arteries passing obliquely from the sides of the Bladder.

The firmest connection is by means of a Ligamentous expansion, which runs from each side of the Neck of the Bladder and Prostate Gland, to be fixed to the inside of the Arch of the Ossa Pubis.—It is connected, also, at this place, to the Penis, by the Urethra.

It is composed of different *Coats* joined together by Cellular Substance, the first of which is only a partial one continued from the Peritoneum.

The *Peritoneal* or *Common Coat*, recedes from the Abdominal Muscles at the top of the Pubes, and passes over the superior, and down upon the posterior and lateral parts of the Bladder, to near the termination of the Ureters, where it is about a finger's-length from the Anus,—and is there reflected upon the Rectum and back-part of the Pelvis.

When the Bladder is much distended, it carries the Peritoneum with it, and leaves a space between that Membrane and the Pubes, of such length, that an incision has frequently been made here, and large Calculi extracted from the Bladder, without penetrating into the Abdomen, or wounding the Peritoneum.

The *second Coat* is termed *Muscular*.—It is composed of distinct Flethy Fibres, interwoven with each other, and forming Fasciculi.

The External Fibres run chiefly in a longitudinal direction, and are connected, at the under and fore-part of the Bladder, with the Ossa Pubis.

More internally, are Fibres which run in all directions, and are intermixed with each other in the form of Net-work.

The Muscular Fibres are contracted about the Neck of the Bladder, and form what has been termed *Sphincter Vesicæ*;—these, however, are merely the continuation of the other Fibres.

The Muscular Coat, by its contraction, occasions the complete evacuation of the Bladder.—The Fibres about the Neck of the Bladder, by acting separately from the rest of the Muscular Coat, prevent the involuntary discharge of the Urine.

The Cellular Substance, under the Muscular Fibres, is frequently termed *Nervous Coat*.

The *Inner Coat*, though often called *Villous*, is smooth like the inside of the Peritoneum, and, though thin, is so dense as to prevent the exudation of the Urine.

This Coat is rendered somewhat unequal by the projecting of the Fasciculi of the Muscular Fibres; and when the Bladder is empty, it forms large wrinkles or Rugæ.

The inside of the Bladder is very irritable, in consequence of which a desire to expel the Urine is occasionally excited. It is lined, however, by a Mucus, discharged from its Arteries, which prevents it from being constantly irritated by that Fluid.

The under part of the Bladder is perforated by *three Openings*, of which one is placed anteriorly, and two posteriorly.

The Anterior Opening is the beginning of the Passage called *Urethra*, and is surrounded by the Neck of the Bladder.

It comes off almost at a right angle from the lower part of the Bladder, without any tapering of that Viscus.

The other two openings are formed by the termination of the Ureters, which run obliquely forwards and inwards, between the Muscular and Inner Coat of the Bladder.

They terminate in the Bladder at a little distance from each other, and at the same distance behind the beginning of the Urethra, each by a somewhat oval Opening, which is more contracted than the Ureter is immediately above it.

The *Arteries* of the Bladder come from various sources, but chiefly from the Umbilical and Pudenda Communis.

The *Veins* return to the Internal Iliacs:—They form a Plexus of considerable size upon each side of the Bladder.

The *Lymphatics* accompany the principal Veins on the Bladder, and, at the under part and sides, pass into the Iliac Glands.

The *Nerves* are Branches of the Great Sympathetic and Sacral Nerves.

The Bladder receives the Urine from the Ureters by drops, and sometimes by small thread-like streams or squirts, till by its accumulated quantity and acrimony, it forces that Viscus to contract and expel it.

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The Urine is expelled, partly by the contraction of the Bladder itself, and partly by the action of the Abdominal Muscles and Diaphragm pressing the Intestines against the Bladder.

The frequency of the evacuation depends upon the size and sensibility of the Bladder, upon the quantity of Urine secreted, and the degree of acrimony it possesses.

## TESTES.

THE *Testes*, formerly termed *Didymi* or *Gemini*, are two Glandular Bodies situated in the Cavity of the Scrotum.

The *Scrotum*, which furnishes an external covering to the Testes, is a continuation of the common Integuments, has the same Structure with the Skin in general, but is more plentifully supplied with Sebaceous Follicles, has no Fat in its Cellular Substance, and is occasionally relaxed and corrugated in a greater degree than the Skin in the other parts of the Body.

Upon the Surface of the Scrotum, there is a superficial, longitudinal projecting *Line*, which divides it into two equal parts, and has the name of *Raphe*.

The inner Surface of the Scrotum is lined with Cellular Substance, which is firmer and more Vascular than in other places.

The Cellular Substance of the Scrotum, in consequence of its redness, Fibrous appearance, and supposed power of contraction, has, by many Anatomists, been considered as a Muscle, and called *Dartos*.—This opinion, however, has of late years been rejected.

The Cellular Substance of the Scrotum involves each Testicle singly, and forms a Septum or Partition between the two, which prevents Air or Water from passing readily from one side of the Scrotum to the other.

The *Vessels* and *Nerves* of the Scrotum are chiefly from those of the neighbouring parts.

The Blood-vessels are Branches of the Pudendal and Femoral.

The *Lymphatics* go mostly to the Inguinal,—but some of them accompany those of the Testes to the Lumbar Glands.

The anterior part of the Scrotum derives Nerves from the Lumbar, and the posterior from the Pudendal Nerves.

The Scrotum assists in supporting and protecting the Testes.

Under the Scrotum are two *Membranes* or *Coats*, proper to each of the Testes, the one termed *Vaginalis*, the other *Albuginea*.

The *Tunica Vaginalis*, named from its forming a sheath, is of the same nature with the Peritoneum, being originally a Process of that Membrane, which in the Fœtus descends with the Testicle from the Abdomen.

It forms a shut Sac, which has no communication with any other part.

It incloses the Testicle, as the Pericardium does the Heart, and lies loose every where, excepting behind, where it is *continuous* with the *Albuginea*.

It is considerably larger than the Testis which it incloses, reaching as far above and below it as to allow it a certain degree of motion.

It is connected by its external Surface to the Cremaster Muscle, and partly, by means of that, to the inner Surface of the Scrotum.

It assists the Cremaster in supporting the Testis, and, by being constantly moistened within by a Fluid exhaled from its Surface, and from that of the *Tunica Albuginea*, it allows the Testicle to move easily.

The *Tunica Albuginea*, so called from its white colour, is, like the former Coat, a continuation of the Peritoneum, and invests the Body of the Testicle closely.

It is a thick, strong, dense, and inelastic Membrane, of a glistening appearance.

It is remarkably smooth on the outside, but internally it is rough and unequal, adhering every where firmly to the Body of the Testis.

It covers both the Testis and Epididymis, connects them to each other, gives strength to them, and conducts their Vessels in the manner the Mesentery does those of the Intestines.

The Body of the Testis is of a yellowish colour, and has a Pulpy appearance,—is of an oval form, a little flattened at its outer and inner Surface;—and frequently one Testicle is a little larger than the other.

The Testes are placed obliquely, with one end upwards and forwards, and the other end backwards and downwards.

At the outer and back-part of the Testis, there is an Appendix named *Epididymis*, from its situation upon the Testis

Testis or Didymis, which is inclosed in the same covering with the Testis itself.

The Epididymis begins at the upper part of the Testicle, immediately above the entry of the Blood-vessels; and this part of it being large and of a round form, is termed *Globus Major*, or *Head* of the Epididymis.

In its descent, it becomes somewhat smaller and flatter, and is attached behind to the Body of the Testicle, where the Blood-vessels go in; but forwards it is loose, the Tunica Albuginea dipping in this place, and forming a Cavity or Pouch.

The under part of it becomes more firmly attached to the Body of the Testicle, and forms the *Cauda*, or *Globus Minor*; it is then turned backwards upon itself, after which it sends out the Excretory Duct of the Testicle.

The Body of the Testis has numerous Arteries, Veins, Absorbents, and Nerves; but is principally composed of a collection of minute, tender, elastic Filaments, intricately convoluted, termed *Tubuli Seminiferi*, or *Vasa Seminalia*.

The *Tubuli Seminiferi* are disposed in Fasciculi or Bundles, between Partitions, which are formed of Blood-vessels and Cellular Substance.

These Septulæ begin at the root or *Nucleus*, situated at the back-part of the Testicle, sometimes termed *Corpus Highmorianum*, and extend in a radiated manner to the Tunica Albuginea.

The Testis is fixed behind by its Vessels, which are collected into a Cord termed *Spermatic*, but is loose and free before, to prevent it from being pinched.

The *Spermatic Cord*, properly so called, extends from the Ring of the External Oblique Muscle to the Body of the Testis, and is composed of the Trunks of the different Vessels belonging to the Testicle, and of a quantity of Cellular Substance.—The Cord is covered by the Cremaster Muscle; and within this, by the same Process of the Peritoneum which forms the Tunica Vaginalis Testis. This part of the Process, however, is so incorporated with the common Cellular Substance of the Cord, as to appear to form part of it.

The under part of the Vagina of the Cord is separated by a Partition formed by the upper end of the Vaginal Coat of the Testicle, and by condensed Cellular Substance, so that no liquor can pass easily from the Cord to the Testicle, and *vice versa*.

The *Arteries* of the Testes, termed *Arteriæ Spermaticæ*, and *Arteriæ Preparantes*, arise, one on each side, from the fore-part of the Aorta, a little below the Renal Arteries.

The *Spermatic Artery* crosses over the Psoas Muscle and Ureter, and descends, behind the Peritoneum to the under part of the Abdomen.

At the lower part of the Abdomen, it perforates the Ring of the External Oblique Muscle, and passes in the Spermatic Cord to the Testicle.

In its descent, it gives branches to the adjacent parts, and is so interlaced with those of the corresponding Vein, as to have been supposed by the Ancients to have large lateral communications with them.

After passing the Ring, it divides into Branches which go to the Testis at its posterior edge. They are partly dispersed upon the Epididymis, but the larger Branches run in a serpentine direction into the Substance of the Testis, where they are minutely distributed upon the Surface of the Seminal Tubes.

Besides the Spermatic Artery, there is a smaller one from the Hypogastric, which accompanies the Vas Deferens, and is dispersed along with the other Artery.

The *Veins* are much larger than the corresponding Arteries, and have several Valves in them, especially without the Abdomen.

They form a *Plexus*, which accompanies the Artery on each side, and is sometimes called *Corpus Pampyniforme*, being compared to the shoots of the Vine, or *Corpus Pyramidale*, from giving a Pyramidal form to the Cord.

The Plexus ascends in the Abdomen, and upon the Surface of the Psoas Muscle; and about the part where it recedes from the Artery, it forms a single Trunk, which, in the right side, terminates in the Vena Cava, nearly opposite to the Artery, and, in the left side, goes into the Renal Vein.

There is also a small inferior Spermatic Vein, which accompanies its Artery, and ends in the Hypogastric Vein.

The *Tubuli Seminiferi* in the Body of the Testicle consist of numberless extremely minute Ducts, which are of a Cylindrical form, have no division into Branches, and when drawn out, are found to be several feet in length.

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They are first collected into Bundles, between the Septulæ of the Testicle, and these again into others still smaller, each of the smaller being formed of a simple Tube, coiled up into a Conical form, with its Base forwards, and its Apex towards the posterior edge of the Testicle.

From the convoluted Seminal Tubes, an equal number of straight Vessels are sent out at the back-part of the Testicle, under the name of *Vasa Recta*.

At the upper and back-part of the Testicle, the *Vasa Recta* communicate, and form an irregular Plexus or Net-work, called *Rete Vasculosum Testis*.

The *Rete Testis* sends out from twelve to eighteen straight Tubes, termed *Vassa Efferentia*, which carry the Semen from the Testicle to the Epididymis.

The *Vassa Efferentia* soon become convoluted, and form Conical Bundles, termed *Coni Vasculosi*.

The *Coni Vasculosi* are firmly connected by Cellular Substance, and are observed by DR MONRO, in his Treatise *De Testibus*, to compose somewhat more than a third part of the Epididymis.

The Vascular Cones gradually unite into a single Tube, which constitutes the rest of the Epididymis, and though only about the size of a Hog's Bristle, transmits the whole of the Semen.

The single Tube becomes larger in its course and less convoluted, and at last, expanding its convolutions, it comes out greatly increased in size, and almost in a straight direction, under the name of *Vas Deferens*.

Besides the Ducts already described, a *Vas Aberrans* is sometimes observed, which is one of the Vascular Cones, wandering off, and terminating in the Epididymis lower than usual.

At other times, the same kind of Vessel forms a *Processus Cæcus*, or blind Duct, with a dilated Extremity which does not communicate with any other part.

## VESICULÆ SEMINALES AND PROSTATE GLAND.

THE *Vesiculæ Seminales* are two small Pyriform Receptacles, situated between the under and lateral parts of the Bladder and the Intestinum Rectum,—about three fingers-breadth in length, and the third part of that in breadth, and a little flattened.

They are at a considerable distance from each other behind, but anteriorly they converge, and become contiguous, forming a sharp angle.

Each of them is composed of a *convoluted Tube*, with *irregular Processes*, and surrounded by a quantity of tough Cellular Substance, and by many Vessels and Nerves.

Internally, they have a *Villous appearance*, and are formed of irregular *Cells* which correspond with the irregularities on their External Surface, and communicate freely with each other.—Their shape, size, and general appearance, however, vary in different subjects, and not unfrequently in the same person.

Between the *Vesiculæ Seminales*, the ends of the *Vasa Deferentia*, now become larger and Cellular, pass forwards till they arrive at the Prostate Gland, where each *Vas Deferens* joins the *Vesicula* of that side, and communicates so freely with it, that injected Fluids readily pass from the one to the other.

From each *Vesicula Seminalis* and *Vas Deferens* of the same side, a *small Canal*, about a Finger's-breadth in length, passes out, which is firmly connected to its fellow, without communicating with it, and becomes gradually smaller, piercing, obliquely, the Prostate Gland, and terminating in the under part of the Neck of the Bladder.

The *Orifices* of these Canals are separated from each other by a *Caruncula*, or round Projection of the Membrane of the Urethra, termed *Verumontanum*;—or, from being broad behind and rostriform before, it is compared to the Head and Beak of the *Wood-cock*, and called *Caput Gallinaginis*.

The *Vesiculæ Seminales* are commonly considered as Reservoirs of the Semen, receiving it from the *Vasa Deferentia*, and afterwards,—by a power inherent in themselves,

selves, assisted by the action of the neighbouring Muscles, particularly of the Levatores Ani,—propelling it to the Urethra.

The Semen is prevented from passing into the Bladder, the opening from it being shut while that Fluid is expelled.

Various experiments have been made on the Vesiculæ Seminales by the late MR HUNTER,—from which he was of opinion,—that they are not Reservoirs of Semen, but Glands, secreting a particular Mucus;—that, with other parts, they are subservient to the purposes of Generation;—and that the Bulb of the Urethra is the receptacle of the Semen, in which it is accumulated previous to its ejection.

The *Prostate Gland*, named from its situation before the Vesiculæ Seminales, lies immediately behind the under end of the Symphysis of the Pubis, and rests upon the Intestinum Rectum.

It surrounds and closely embraces the Neck of the Bladder, or beginning of the Urethra; but the greater part of it is placed posteriorly and laterally, having a Lobe projecting on each side.

It is about the size of a Walnut, and of the figure of a Spanish Chestnut,—or it resembles a Heart as commonly painted on Playing-cards, with the Base towards the Bladder, and the Point towards the Penis.

It has a Spongy Substance, but is one of the firmest Glands of the Body, and generally sends out *ten or twelve Ducts*, which open obliquely at the beginning of the Urethra, at the sides of the Caput Gallinaginis, and near the termination of the Seminal Ducts.

From the Ducts of the Prostate Gland, a thin white Liquor is discharged,—from the same causes, and at the same time with the Semen,—into the Urethra, and is supposed to be useful in the process of Generation;—or, according to some Authors, this Fluid facilitates the passage of the Semen through the Urethra.

The Blood-vessels, Absorbents, and Nerves of the Vesiculæ Seminales and Prostate Gland, are in common with those of the parts which surround them.

## PENIS.

THE *Penis*, which has obtained a variety of other names, such as *Membrum Virile*, *Mentula*, &c. consists of three Spongy Substances, two of which form the upper part and sides, or Body of the Penis, and are termed *Corpora Cavernosa Penis*, the third surrounds the Urethra, and has the name of *Corpus Spongiosum Urethræ*.

The Penis is covered with a continuation of the common Integuments, which are thinner than elsewhere, and, instead of Fat, there is, as in the Scrotum, a Reticular Substance only under the Skin.

At the anterior extremity of the Penis, the Integuments form a loose fold, termed *Prepuce*, which is connected to the anterior and under part, or *Glans* of the Penis, by a triangular fold, called *Frænum Preputii*.

The *Corpora Cavernosa Penis* resemble two equal but irregular Cylinders, closely applied to the sides of each other, and each covered by a strong, elastic, Ligamentous Sheath, the Fibres of which run in a transverse, and partly in an oblique direction.

They arise one on each side, by two blind Conical extremities, called their *Crura*, from the inner part of the Crura of the *Ossa Ischia* and *Ossa Pubis*, to both of which they are very firmly connected by Ligamentous Substances.

At the under part of the Symphysis of the Pubis, they are united to each other, and continue so till they reach the Glans, where they terminate in a rounded extremity.

At the upper part of the root of the Penis, the Ligamentous Sheath of the *Corpora Cavernosa* sends up a Process of a triangular form, to be connected to the Symphysis of the *Ossa Pubis*, under the name of *Ligamentum Suspensorium*, by which the Body of the Penis is supported, and prevented from pressing too much upon the Scrotum.

The *Corpora Cavernosa* leave a *Groove* above, for the principal Vein of the Penis, and a *Channel* below for the Cavernous Substance of the Urethra.

The internal substance of the *Corpora Cavernosa* consists of *loose reticular Plates*, somewhat similar to the *Cancelli*

celli in the ends of long Bones, and, like them, readily communicating with each other.

Upon the Cells of the Corpora Cavernosa, the Arteries are plentifully dispersed, and open freely into them, the Blood of the Arteries tinging the Cells in the relaxed state of the Penis, and filling them completely when it is distended.

The Corpora Cavernosa are united to each other by a *Septum* or *Partition*, formed by a continuation of the Elastic Ligament which covers these Bodies.

The *Septum Penis* is composed of Cords, extending, nearly in a parallel direction, from the Dorsum, or upper part of the Penis, to the Corpus Spongiosum Urethræ.

Between the different Cords, *Fissures* are left, through which the Blood, or an injected Fluid, passes without obstruction from one of the Corpora Cavernosa to the other.

The *Corpus Spongiosum Urethræ* is situated under and between the Corpora Cavernosa Penis, but projects considerably beyond them.

It begins a little behind the part where the Corpora Cavernosa are united, adheres to them by condensed Cellular Substance, and terminates at the anterior extremity of the Penis.

It has an external covering similar to that of the Corpora Cavernosa Penis, but more delicate and more of a Membranous appearance.

The posterior part of the Corpus Spongiosum is dilated into a *longitudinal Prominence*, of a *Conical* form, situated within the Skin of the Perineum, and termed *Bulb* of the Urethra. It extends from the root of the Penis to near the Anus, projects most towards the under and back-part, and is divided anteriorly by a *Septum*.

The Corpus Spongiosum is continued along the under part of the Corpora Cavernosa, and at the end of these expands into the Substance called *Glans Penis*, which covers and incloses the ends of the Corpora Cavernosa.

The *Glans* or *Nut*, named from its resemblance to an Acorn, is separated from the Corpora Cavernosa by a continuation of the Ligamentous Sheath which covers them, and is encircled at its posterior part by a prominent margin, called *Corona Glandis*, behind which is a *Cervix* or Neck.

The Surface of the Glans is covered with a *Plexus*, chiefly of Venous Vessels, and with *Nervous Papillæ*,  
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which give it its sensibility; and these are inclosed in a fine Membrane continued from the inside of the Prepuce.

About the Cervix and Corona of the Glans, are many *Follicles*, termed *Glandulæ Odoriferæ*, which discharge a Sebaceous Matter, to preserve the sensibility of the Glans, and allow the Prepuce to move backwards and forwards upon it with facility.

The Internal Structure of the Bulb of the Urethra and Glans of the Penis, is of the same nature with that of the Corpora Cavernosa; and the Internal Structure of the rest of the Corpus Spongiosum differs from that of the Corpora Cavernosa only in this, that the Cells are smaller and of a more delicate texture.—Some Anatomists consider the greater part of the Corpus Spongiosum as merely a Plexus of convoluted Veins.

The *Urethra*, named from the Urine passing through it, is a long Canal, the Diameter of which is nearly equal to that of a writing-pen. It begins at the under and fore-part of the Bladder, runs through the Corpus Spongiosum, and terminates in the point of the Penis by a longitudinal Orifice.

At its origin, it descends a little, and then passes forwards, under the Symphysis of the Ossa Pubis, to which it is closely connected by Cellular Substance: It then ascends at the under and fore-part of the Ossa Pubis, varying in the remainder of its course, according to the different degrees of relaxation or distension of the Cells of the Penis.

There are commonly *three Dilatations* in the Urethra; one of which is at the Prostate Gland, the second in the Bulb of the Urethra, and the third about the beginning of the Glans.

In general, it has also the same number of *slight Contractions*; the first at its origin from the Bladder, the second between the point of the Prostate Gland and Bulb of the Urethra, and the third at the point of the Glans.

Between the point of the Prostate Gland and part where the Urethra penetrates the Corpus Spongiosum,—including nearly the space of a Finger's-breadth,—the Urinary passage is entirely *Membranous*, and covered only with the common Cellular Substance.

At the upper side of the Bulb, the Urethra enters the Corpus Spongiosum, in which it is inclosed to its termination in the point of the Penis.

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The inside of the Urethra is lined by a very *Vascular* and *sensible Membrane*, which is observed to possess a certain degree of contractility, and is therefore presumed by several Anatomists to be endowed with Muscular Fibres.

Between the Corpus Spongiosum and Membrane which lines the Urethra, especially towards the Septum of the Penis, numerous *Lacunæ* of different sizes are situated, one or two of which in particular, next the Glans, are often considerably larger than the rest.

They run in a longitudinal direction from behind forward, and perforate the Urethra by Orifices large enough to admit a Bristle.—They discharge a bland Mucus for the defence of the Urethra.

Besides the *Lacunæ*, two small bodies, each about the size of a Garden-pea, are frequently met with, and are termed, from their discoverer, *COWPER'S Glands*.

They are situated at the sides of the Membranous part of the Urethra,—between its Bulb and the point of the Prostate Gland,—and covered by the Accelerator Muscles.

When present, they are observed to discharge from their Ducts into the Urethra, a Fluid which is supposed to serve the same purpose with that of the *Lacunæ*.

The *Arteries* of the Penis are chiefly from the *Pudicæ Communes*, which are Branches of the Internal Iliacs, and partly from the Femoral Arteries.

Each of the Pudic Arteries having passed out of the Pelvis, through the great Notch of the Os Ilium, runs between the Sacro-Sciatic Ligaments to the inner side of the Tuber Ischii, from which it passes along the Crus of that Bone, and of the Os Pubis, to the root of the Penis.

In its course, it furnishes Branches to the adjacent parts, and afterwards gives off three principal Branches, which belong to the Penis:—One of these goes to the Bulb of the Urethra, to be dispersed in the Corpus Spongiosum;—the other two, which are larger than the former, go to the Body of the Penis, one of them penetrating its Crus, and running in the centre of the Corpus Cavernosum; the other passing between the Symphysis Pubis and joining of the Crura Penis, and extending along the Dorsum as far as the Corona Glandis.

The Branches of the Femoral Artery to the Penis communicate with those of the former, and are chiefly dispersed upon the Integuments.

The Arteries of the Penis are divided into minute Ramifications,

mifications, which communicate with each other, and with their fellows on the opposite side, and terminate partly in the corresponding Veins, and partly in the Cells of the Penis.

The *Veins* arise, some from the extremities of the Arteries, and others by large open Mouths from the Cells of the Penis.

The greater number of the Veins unite into a Trunk, called *Vena Magna Penis*, which runs in the superior Groove formed by the union of the Corpora Cavernosa, and is furnished with Valves, and with thick strong Coats.

The *Vena Magna*, at the under end of the Symphysis Pubis, separates into Right and Left Plexus, which pass to the corresponding Iliac Veins.

To an obstruction of the course of the Blood through the Veins, by the pressure of the Muscles at the root of the Penis, together with an increased influx through the Arteries, is owing that accumulation of Blood in the Corpora Cavernosa, which occasions a distension of the Penis.

The relaxation of the Penis happens from the causes which produced the distension being removed ;—the Elastic Ligamentous Membrane which covers the Penis again forcing the Blood from the Cells into the Veins.

Upon the Surface of the Penis, there are small superficial Veins, which communicate with those deeper seated, and commonly terminate by one or more Branches in the Veins at the top of the Thighs.

These Branches assist in carrying on the circulation, and return part of the Blood during the distension of the Penis.

Of the *Lymphatics* of the Penis, those from the Prepuce and Skin, in general, go to the right and left Inguinal Glands, while the Lymphatics from the Glans and Body of the Penis accompany the Arteries into the under part of the Pelvis.

The *Nerves* of the Penis are large in proportion to the size of that Organ. They come from the Hypogastric Plexus, and principally from the last Sacral Nerves, and are distributed chiefly upon the Ligamentous Sheath which incloses the Corpora Cavernosa.

They are situated upon the Dorsum of the Penis, more laterally than the Arteries which lie between them and the principal Vein.

For the *Muscles* of the Penis, see Part II.

The Penis ejects the Semen into the Vagina, and serves for the conveyance of the Urine from the Bladder.

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THE *Kidneys, Renal Glands,* and *Ureters,* have the same situation and structure as in the Male.

The *Bladder* has also the same situation behind the *Ossa Pubis,* but rises higher when it is in the distended state.

It is proportionally larger than the *Bladder* of the Male, and is broader from one side to the other, corresponding to that part of the Cavity of the Pelvis to which it belongs.

The *Urethra* is much shorter,—being scarcely two inches in length,—and straighter than in the Male, having only a slight bend downwards between its extremities.

It is produced from the most depending part of the *Bladder,* has no prostate Gland, but is furnished, as in the Male, with *Lacunæ,* which open into it, and discharge a Mucus to defend it from the Urine.

The Parts of Generation in the Female (which are here supposed to be in the unimpregnated state) are divided into *Internal* and *External.* The former consist of the *Uterus* and its Appendages, the latter are those which are seen without any Dissection.

#### INTERNAL PARTS.

THE *Uterus, Matrix,* or *Womb,* is a hollow Viscus, situated in the Pelvis, in the Hypogastric Region, between the *Bladder* and *Rectum,* with which it is connected.

It is of a *triangular figure,* and a little flattened before and behind, but more so anteriorly ; is large above, small

below, and has two angles at its upper and lateral parts, called *Corners* of the *Uterus*.

It is distinguished into *Fundus*, or upper part, which includes the space above the insertion of the Fallopian Tubes, the *Body* or middle, and *Cervix* or under part, the two last being nearly of equal length.

The extent and figure of the Uterus varies considerably in different subjects.—In Women who have never been pregnant, it is commonly about two inches and a half in length, from one inch and a half to two inches in breadth at the Fundus, and about half as broad at the Cervix.—It is near an inch in thickness, and is larger in Women who have born Children, than in the Virgin state.

The Cavity, like the external part of the Uterus, is of a *triangular form*, but is small in proportion to the size of the Organ,—being scarcely capable of containing the Kernel of an Almond,—and has its sides closely applied to each other.

It is covered externally through its whole length, with a smooth polished Coat, continued from the Peritoneum, which, at the under part of the Cervix, is reflected forwards upon the Bladder, backwards over the Rectum, and laterally towards the Sides of the Pelvis.

Its substance is of a compact, Cellular, and Flethy nature, and plentifully supplied with Blood-vessels: The Flethy Fibres, however, are seen distinctly only in the Gravid Uterus.

It is remarkably Vascular in its Body, less so in its Cervix, and is nearly of the same thickness throughout, excepting at its Corners, where the Uterine or Fallopian Tubes terminate.

It is lined with a fine and very vascular Membrane, of a somewhat Porous and Villous appearance, in which the Arteries terminate which discharge the Menstrual Fluid.

The Cavity of the Cervix has *two small Longitudinal Lines* projecting in it, one in the anterior, the other in the posterior part, on each side of which are numerous *Rugæ*.

The *Rugæ* run, in an obliquely transverse direction, and are formed, not only of the inner Membrane, but also by the Fibres which compose the Body of the Uterus.

Between the *Rugæ* are many small *Follicles*, which discharge a Mucus for lubricating the parts near which they

they are placed :—Some of them, being of a roundish form, were mistaken by NABOTH for Female Ovula.

The under part of the Cervix projects into the Vagina, somewhat in form of the Glans Penis, and is perforated by a transverse slit, termed *Os Tincæ*, from its supposed resemblance to the Mouth of the Tench Fish.

The *Os Tincæ*, in an Uterus which has never been impregnated, is about the size of the orifice of the Urethra in the Male, but nearly twice as large in the Uterus of a Woman who has born Children.

It is smooth on its external surface, is placed obliquely in a direction towards the back-part of the Vagina, and is surrounded with several Mucous Follicles.

#### APPENDAGES OF THE UTERUS.

The *Appendages* of the Uterus, are the *Broad* and *Round Ligaments*, the *Ovaria*, the *Fallopian Tubes*, and the *Vagina*.

The *Ligamenta Lata*, termed sometimes *Alæ Vespertilionis*, from their resemblance to the Wings of a Bat, are two Membranous productions, or Doublings of the Peritoneum, sent from the edges of the Uterus and posterior extremity of the Vagina, to be fixed to the sides of the Pelvis.

Along with the Uterus, they separate the Pelvis into anterior and posterior Cavities, and are themselves divided into large and small, or anterior and posterior *Alæ* or Pinions.

They contain and support the Ovaria and Uterine Tubes, with part of the Spermatic and Uterine Vessels and Nerves. They likewise inclose a portion of the *Ligamenta Rotunda*, &c. connect the Uterus to the sides of the Pelvis, and assist in retaining it in its place. In the time of Gestation they become effaced, by furnishing the Uterus with part of its external covering.

The *Ligamenta Rotunda* are two long and slender Cords, composed of Vessels and Ligamentous Fibres, arising from the Corners of the Uterus, immediately before and below the Fallopian Tubes, from which they descend obliquely in the *Ligamenta Lata*, diminishing a little in their course towards the Groins.

They pass through the Rings of the Abdominal Muscles, in the same manner as the Spermatic Cords do

in the Male, and are afterwards inserted by separate Branches into the upper and lateral parts of the Pudendum.

They assist the Ligamenta Lata in preserving the equilibrium of the Uterus.

The *Ovaria*, anciently called *Testes Muliebres*, are situated at the sides of the Fundus of the Uterus, about an inch distant from it, and are contained in the posterior Pinions of the Ligamenta Lata, which form a Coat to them similar to the Tunica Albuginea Testis.

The *Ovaria* are plain above, and prominent and semi-oval below, flattened at their anterior and posterior Surfaces, and the size of each, when in a state of the greatest maturity, nearly equal to half of the Male Testicle.

They are large, uniform, and smooth, in the vigour of life, but become small, unequal, and shrivelled, in Old Women, or in those who have born many Children.

They are attached to the Uterus by the Ligamenta Lata, and by two small Cords, termed *Ligamenta Rotunda Ovarii*, which were mistaken by the Ancients for Vasa Deferentia, carrying a secreted Liquor to the Uterus.

They are composed internally of a loose whitish Cellular Substance, intermixed with Vessels and Nerves, and contain a number of small Vesicles, called *Ova*, filled with a limpid Fluid, which partakes of the qualities of the White of an Egg.

These Vesicles differ much in size in the same Ovarium;—the largest of them are seldom equal to the size of a small Garden-pea.

The number of *Ova* is differently estimated by different Anatomists,—from ten to twenty and upwards having been found in one Ovarium.

According to experiments made by MR HUNTER, it is ascertained,—that the number of originally existing *Ova* in each Ovarium, whether that number be greater or smaller, may be diminished, but cannot be increased.

The *Ovaria* serve for the nourishment of the *Ova*, which contain the rudiments of the Fœtus.

The *Uterine*, or *Fallopian Tubes*, compared in shape, by FALLOPIUS, to that of a Trumpet, are two Conical and Vermiform Canals, attached to the Corners of the Uterus, and terminating in it, each by a *small Opening* which scarcely admits the entrance of a Bristle.

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the sides of the Pelvis: Near their outer extremity, they are convoluted and considerably dilated, but are afterwards suddenly contracted, and terminate by *open Mouths* sufficiently large to admit the point of a Goose-quill.

Their outer ends are free and fluctuating in the Pelvis, and expand into many irregular jagged or pointed extremities, called *Fimbriæ*, which are considerably longer at one side of the Tube than the other.

They are commonly upwards of a hand-breadth in length, and contained in a Doubling of the Ligamenta Lata.—In their natural situation, they lie near the Ovaria; but when drawn out and extended, are a Finger's-breadth distant from them.

The structure of the Tubes is nearly the same with that of the Uterus, and, like it, they are capable of dilatation and contraction: Their inner side, however, has a different appearance, being furnished with many small longitudinal Plicæ, which are most conspicuous towards the outer extremities.

The Tubes are supposed to convey the prolific part of the Male Semen from the Uterus to the Ovaria, in order to fecundate the Ova; and by grasping that part of the Ovarium where the ripest Ovum is situated, to carry the Ovum, according to some Authors, or its contents only according to others, to be mixed with the Male Semen, and to be lodged in the Cavity of the Uterus.

The *Vagina* is a Membranous Canal, which extends from the Neck of the Uterus to the opening of the Pudendum.

It is situated behind the Bladder and Urethra, and before the under part of the Intestinum Rectum, to each of which it is closely connected by Cellular Substance.

It begins a little above the Internal Orifice of the Uterus, but reaches higher at the posterior than anterior part; from which circumstance, together with a slight Curvature it has backwards, the Canal is found to be longer in its posterior than anterior Surface.

From the Os Tincæ, it passes downwards and forwards, and terminates between the Labia Pudendi, the Axis of the Vagina forming a considerable Angle with that of the Uterus.

The dimensions of the Vagina correspond with the size of the Penis in the Male; but vary according to the temperament of the Body, and become larger in Women who have born Children.

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The Body of the Vagina is composed of thick, strong, Membranous parts, and furnished internally with numerous irregular *Rugæ* or Wrinkles, and Nervous *Papillæ*, the former of which considerably diminish the capacity of the Canal, and the latter add to its sensibility.

The *Rugæ* run in a transverse direction, and are so disposed as to divide the Vagina into anterior and posterior *Columns*, which join together laterally, and produce a *Raphe* or Suture at the right and left sides.

They are deepest, largest, and most crowded upon the anterior and towards the outer part of the Vagina; are most conspicuous in Virgins, less so in married Women, and become more and more effaced in those who have born Children.—The *Rugæ* facilitate the distension of the Vagina during Child-birth.

The whole extent of the Vagina, particularly towards its outer extremity, is furnished with small *Follicles*, the orifices of which can frequently be seen.

They supply a *Mucus*, with which the Canal is always lubricated, and which is discharged, in time of Coition, in such abundance, as to have been formerly considered as an émission of Female Semen.

The outer end of the Vagina is covered, on each side, by a Substance composed of Blood-vessels and Cells similar to those of the Penis, and described by DE GRAAF under the name of *Plexus Reteformis*, and by later Anatomists under that of *Corpus Cavernosum Vaginæ*.

The *Corpora Cavernosa* are covered by the Sphincter Vaginæ Muscle, the action of which, joined to the Dilatation of these Bodies, serves to contract the entry of the Vagina in the time of Coition.

The Use of the Vagina is to receive the Penis and Semen, and to convey from the Uterus the Menstrual Flux, the Fœtus, the Secundines, and the Lochia.

The Uterus, with its Ligaments, Ovaria, and Uterine Tubes, are supplied with Blood from the Spermatic and Uterine Arteries.

The *Spermatic Arteries* arise from the Aorta, as in the Male, and run in the Ligamenta Lata, to be dispersed upon the Ovaria and Uterine Tubes, and afterwards upon the Uterus itself.

The *Uterine Arteries* are derived from the Internal Iliacs, and are much larger than the Spermatics. They direct their course, first to the under part of the Uterus,  
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after which they ascend along its edges, and near its upper part join the Spermatic Arteries.

From the Uterine chiefly, and partly from the Spermatic Arteries, many small Branches are furnished, which run in a serpentine manner, and communicate with their fellows in the opposite sides of the Uterus.

The Vagina is supplied with an Artery on each side, —termed *Vaginal*,—from the Uterine, and with small Branches from the Umbilical, Middle Hæmorrhoidal, and Pudendæ Communes.

The *Spermatic Veins* have the same termination as in the Male, but are considerably larger.—The other Veins run into the Internal Iliac.

The *Lymphatics*, like the Blood-vessels, run also in two Sets. Those of the one set accompany the Spermatic Blood-vessels, and, like the Absorbents of the Testes in the Male, go to the Lumbar Glands. Those of the other correspond with the Hypogastric Blood-vessels, and terminate in the Glands at the lateral parts of the Pelvis.

The *Nerves* are from the Sacral and Great Sympathetics.

The *Use* of the Uterus is,—to receive from the Ovaria, by means of the Fallopian Tubes, the Rudiments of the Fœtus,—to nourish it, and, after bringing it to maturity,—to expel it through the Os Internum Uteri and Vagina.—From the Inner Surface of the Uterus, the Menstrual Evacuation is also discharged.

### EXTERNAL PARTS.

THE *External Parts*, called *Pudendum* or *Vulva*, are formed of two prominent sides, termed *Labia Pudendi*, *Labia Externa*, or *Alæ Majores*. These are contiguous, when the Limbs are not much separated, thereby preventing the access of Air to the Internal Parts, which they at the same time protect and conceal.

The upper part of the Pudendum, named *Pubes*, or *Mons Veneris*, is situated on the fore-side of the *Ossa Pubis*, and is covered with Hair similar to that in the Male, and beginning to grow about the same period of life.

The Pubes is composed of the Common Integuments, under which a considerable quantity of Fat is situated, rendering it thick, soft, and prominent.

The *Labia Pudendi* extend from the Pubes to within  
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about an inch of the Anus, the space between the Pudendum and Anus obtaining the name of *Perineum*, from a moisture supposed to flow about this part of the Skin.—It is sometimes also called *Anterior Perineum*, to distinguish it from that part which extends from the Anus to the Coccyx, termed by some Anatomists *Posterior Perineum*.

The opening between the two Labia has the name of *Fossa Magna*;—it increases a little in size and depth as it descends, and forms a small boat-like Cavity at its under extremity, termed *Fossa Navicularis*.

The Labia are thickest above, become thinner below, and terminate in a transverse fold of the Skin, named *Frænum*, *Furcula*, or *Fourchette*, which is frequently lacerated in the first Child-birth.

The Labia are composed of the Skin elevated by a large quantity of Cellular Substance and some Fat, and lined by a very Vascular Membrane, which is thin, tender, and red like the inside of the Lips, and is furnished with numerous Sebaceous Follicles, secreting a Liquor, whereby the parts are preserved smooth and moist.

Between the upper ends of the Labia, is the Substance named *Clitoris*, and by some *Mentula Muliebris*,—not exceeding an inch in length, and little more than the third part of that in thickness, and tied down to the fore-part of the Symphysis Pubis.

It is extremely Vascular and Nervous, and is composed, like the Penis in the Male, of two *Crura* and *Corpora Cavernosa*, contained in a Ligamentous Sheath, with a Septum between them.

The *Crura* are upwards of twice the length of the Body of the Clitoris, and, together with Muscles belonging to them, arise, as the Crura of the Penis do in the Male, from the Crura of the Ossa Ischia and Pubis.

The Clitoris is also provided with a *Ligamentum Suspensorium*, by which it is connected to the Ossa Pubis, and with a *Glans*, which, like that of the Penis, is extremely sensible, but has no perforation in it for the passage of the Urine.

It is covered by a continuation of the Skin of the Labia, which, at its inferior extremity, forms a Semilunar Fold, termed *Preputium Clitoridis*.

The Prepuce is furnished with *Glandulæ Odoriferæ* upon its inner Surface, and with a small *Frænum* which fixes it to the Glans.

In the time of Coition, the Glans Clitoridis is supposed to produce nearly the same sensation in the Female, as the Glans Penis does in the Male.

At the under and outer part of the Clitoris are two Bodies, called *Nymphæ*, from their being supposed to preside over and direct the course of the Water proceeding from the Bladder.

The *Nymphæ* arise narrow from the Prepuce and Glans, and run obliquely downwards and outwards along the inside of the Labia, increasing in breadth, but suddenly contracting again at their lower extremity.

They are chiefly formed by a production of the inside of the Labia, have the same florid colour with them, and in their natural state are contiguous, and cover the Orifice of the Urethra.

They are sometimes of unequal size, and not unfrequently, particularly in warm climates, they project beyond the edges of the Labia.

Their Internal Structure consists of Cellular Substance, with a large proportion of Blood-vessels. They have also many Nervous Papillæ, which render them very sensible, and Sebaceous Follicles, the contents of which prevent them from being injured by the Urine.

The *Nymphæ* assist in directing the course of the Urine from the Urethra, and in preventing the Air from entering the Vagina.—They also tend to enlarge the Passage for the Child in the time of Parturition.

Between the Perineum and *Nymphæ*, there is a smooth Cavity or *Vestibulum*, which is most complete in Virgins, and leads to two Passages, viz. to the Urethra above, and to the Vagina below.

The *Orifice of the Urethra* is placed a little below the Glans of the Clitoris, and between the two *Nymphæ*, and is surrounded by a Spongy Eminence, which projects at its under part,—called by some Authors *Corpus Glandulosum*, or *Glandulæ Prostatae Mulierum*.

The *Corpus Glandulosum* is perforated by *Lacunæ*, some of which are of considerable depth, and discharge a Viscid Matter round the Orifice of the Urethra.

The *Orifice of the Vagina*, termed likewise *Os Externum Uteri*, is placed immediately under that of the Urethra, and is naturally straiter than the rest of the Canal, but in the Virgin state is still more contracted by the Substance called *Hymen*, or *Circulus Membranosus*, which partly surrounds it.

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The *Hymen* approaches to a Circular Figure, but the Circle is frequently incomplete next the orifice of the Urethra, the broad part being turned towards the Perineum.

When the Hymen is ruptured, it degenerates into small Conical Papillæ, termed *Carunculæ Myrtiformes*, from their supposed resemblance to Myrtle-berries.

The Hymen has been considered as a Test of Virginity; —but neither the presence nor absence of this Membrane can be depended upon as a certain Criterion.

About the Orifice of the Vagina are several Mucous Follicles, similar to those round the Opening of the Urethra.

The *Blood-vessels* and *Nerves* of the External Parts are from the Pudic Branches, and are dispersed in numerous Ramifications upon the end of the Vagina, Labia Externa, and Clitoris.

The *Absorbents* pass partly to the Inguinal Glands, and partly to those placed at the sides of the Pelvis, or upon the Lumbar Vertebrae.

## OF THE GRAVID UTERUS.

WHEN the Rudiments of the Fœtus have been conveyed from one of the Ovaria into the Cavity of the Uterus, through the medium of the corresponding Uterine Tube, whether in the state of a Fluid only, or of a complete Ovum, Impregnation is said to have taken place.

Some days after Impregnation has commenced, a *Ovum*, consisting of a Vesicle filled with a limpid Fluid, is found in the Cavity of the Uterus.

The Ovum, when first visible, is observed to have a smooth Surface, but in a short time thereafter it sends off flocculent Branches, the greater part of which are by degrees converted into a *Placenta* at that part of the Uterus where the Ovum happens to be first attached.

The Rudiments of the Fœtus, however, are not always conveyed to the Uterus after Impregnation, for sometimes a Fœtus is found in the Ovarium; at other times in one of the Uterine Tubes; and some rare Instances have occurred, where the Embryo has dropped from one of the Ovaria or Tubes, into the Cavity of the Abdomen, where a *Placenta* has been formed, by which it has been nourished.

The Ovum, at an early period of Gestation, consists of a thin *Membranous Capsule*, which incloses the Embryo or Germ with the Umbilical Cord and Waters; and the Capsule, again, consists of an internal Membrane called *Amnios*, on the outside of which is the *True Chorion*, which is covered with a Filamentous and Spongy Substance, termed by RUYSCH *Tunica Filamentosa*, and by more modern Authors, *False* or *Spongy Chorion*.

The *Spongy Chorion* is described by DR HUNTER as consisting, in early Gestation, of *two Layers*, one lining the Cavity of the Uterus, and termed by him *Membrana Decidua*, from being supposed to be cast off from the Uterus: The other, covering that part of the Ovum which does not adhere to the Uterus, he terms *Decidua Reflexa*.

The *Decidua* is least distinct between the Uterus and  
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Placenta. Near the edge of the Placenta, both it and that part of it called *Reflexa*, are thickest and strongest, and decrease in thickness towards the other end of the Uterus and Ovum, in proportion as these become more expanded.

The Decidua and Decidua Reflexa unite into one Membrane in advanced Gestation. They have been supposed to be formed originally by an efflorescence thrown out upon the parts on which they are placed, in the manner it is thrown out upon inflamed surfaces.

Between the Amnios and Chorion, a *Gelatinous Fluid* is contained in the early Months, at which period a small *Bag*, filled with a milky-like Fluid, is observed on the Amnios, near the Umbilical Cord, and is termed *Vesicula Umbilicalis* or *Alba*.

The *Vesicula Umbilicalis* is connected to the Cord by a Filament consisting of an Artery and Vein, which, with the Fluid and Bag, soon disappear. The use of this Vesicle, which has sometimes been mistaken for an *Allantois*, is not yet understood.

In early Gestation, the Ovum is large in proportion to the Embryo; but towards the latter period of Pregnancy, the proportion is reversed, as appears from the following Observations.

No well authenticated account has been yet received, of the Embryo being observable till near the end of the third Week, when it is found to appear like an oblong Vesicle floating in the limpid Liquor of the Ovum.

In the fourth Week, the Ovum is about the size of a Pigeon's Egg, and the Embryo not larger than that of a common Fly.

About the end of the third Month, the Ovum is the size of a Goose's Egg, and weighs eight ounces, while the Embryo is between two and three ounces in weight, and three inches in length;—and the Head and Extremities being now distinctly observable, it obtains the name of *Fœtus*, which it retains from this time till the end of Gestation.

In the sixth Month the Placenta and Membranes weigh seven or eight ounces, the Fœtus twelve or thirteen, and is eight or nine Inches in length, and perfect in all its external parts.

At Birth, the Secundines weigh only between one and two pounds, the Fœtus six or seven, and is from eighteen to twenty-two inches in length.

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Still, however, from the difficulty of ascertaining when Pregnancy commences,—from the differences of Fœtuses of the same age in different Women, and in the same Woman in different Pregnancies, and—from the Fœtus being frequently retained in the Uterus some time after it is dead, as well as from the small dependance to be placed upon many of the Figures given of these Parts,—the above Observations are not altogether to be depended upon.

### CHANGES PRODUCED IN THE UTERINE SYSTEM BY IMPREGNATION.

Immediately after Impregnation, a large *Orifice* is constantly observed in the Ovarium, leading to a *Cavity* in that part of it from whence the Rudiments of the Fœtus have been derived.

This *Cavity* appears first flocculent, and is afterwards filled up with a Granulous Substance, which has the name of *Corpus Luteum*, from the yellow appearance it assumes, especially in Quadrupeds.

The *Corpus Luteum* consists of an outer Vascular, and an inner Inorganic-looking Substance, which has been considered by some Authors as the remains of the Ovum.

The *Corpus Luteum* is not found till after Impregnation. It continues during Pregnancy, and for some time after Delivery, when it gradually vanishes, but leaves a *Scar* in the Ovarium, which continues for life.—The number of *Corpora Lutea* corresponds with that of the *Ova* impregnated.

After the Embryo is received into the Cavity of the Uterus, the *Os Tincæ* is shut up by a *Ropy Mucus* secreted from the Follicles in the Cervix Uteri; the Menstrua cease to flow,—and the Uterus by degrees is changed from a triangular to an oval form.

From the influx of Blood, and the growth of the Ovum, the Cavity of the Uterus gradually enlarges from a size capable only of admitting an Almond, to that which contains the full-grown Fœtus, the Secundines and Waters; composing together a Mass equal to nine or ten pounds weight.

Some time after Impregnation, the Fundus and Body of the Uterus, being softer and looser than the Cervix, first yield to the parts which it contains.

For the two first Months, the Uterus increases so little as to remain in the Cavity of the Pelvis, and it is generally after the third Month, before the Tumour formed by it can be felt above the Symphysis of the Pubis.

During the first three Months, the Os Tincæ remains smooth and even, and its Orifice is nearly as in the unimpregnated state; but between the third and fifth Month, the Cervix and Orifice begin to be dilated, the former becoming softer, and the latter changing its common appearance, and projecting more into the Cavity of the Vagina.

The Uterus continues to rise through the whole period of Gestation, but frequently inclines a little to one side. —In the seventh Month, it reaches the Umbilicus, and at last touches the Scrobiculus Cordis, Stomach, and Colon, occupying the whole of the Umbilical and Epigastric Regions.

In the progress of Gestation, the whole Uterus becomes softer, looser, and more Vascular, and the Vessels are greatly enlarged, the proportional increase being nearly similar to that of the Uterus.

The course of the Arteries is remarkably convoluted, —fully as much so as they are previous to Conception, —and greatly more so than that of the corresponding Veins.

The Veins are much larger than the Arteries, their diameters being such as to have distinguished them by the name of Sinuses; —and to them the great bulk of the Uterus is chiefly owing.

The substance of the Uterus was formerly supposed by some to be thicker, and by others to be thinner in the Gravid, than in the unimpregnated state; but the generality of Anatomists seem now sufficiently satisfied, that it is nearly of the same thickness in both states, and during the whole term of Pregnancy.

In the latter Months, the Tubercle of the Os Uteri is considerably enlarged, and the firmness of its texture converted to the Spongy softness of the Body of the Uterus. The transverse Rima or Orifice is changed into an oval Pit, and in Women who have born several children, it is considerably dilated near the end of Gestation.

The situation of the Appendages of the Uterus is also considerably altered. The Ovaria, with the Tubes and Ligaments of the Uterus, are lower situated, in respect to the Fundus Uteri, in proportion as it ascends; and at  
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the full time, the Broad Ligaments, by assisting in forming a covering to the Uterus, are nearly obliterated.

In the enlarged state of the Uterus, the *Muscular Fibres* are distinctly seen.—They form *Fasciculi* which run in various directions, but cannot be traced far without interruption.

A description is given by RUYSCH of a *Circular Muscle* in the bottom of the Uterus, for the expulsion of the Placenta;—but the Placenta is found to adhere to other parts besides the Fundus Uteri; nor has such a Muscle been observed by later Anatomists.

The Muscular Fibres of the Uterus assist in the delivery of the Child and expulsion of the Placenta; and in a few days afterwards, the Uterus, partly by the contractile power of these Fibres, and partly by that of the Blood-vessels, is restored to near its former dimensions.

#### CONTENTS OF THE UTERUS ABOUT THE END OF PREGNANCY.

The Contents of the Uterus, towards the end of Pregnancy, consist of the *Fœtus*, the *Umbilical Cord*, *Placenta*, *Membranes*, and *Waters*.

The Cord, Placenta, and Membranes, are named the *Secundines*, or *After-birth*, with which some include the Waters, though these are discharged previous to the expulsion of the Child.

The *Cord* is fixed by one end to the Umbilicus of the Fœtus, and by the other it is attached to the Placenta at a little distance from its middle, from which circumstance the extraction of the Placenta is more easily effected.

It is commonly about two feet long,—in some instances more, in others less;—but in general it is of sufficient length to allow the Birth of the Child, while the Placenta adheres to the Uterus of the Mother.

Its thickness is nearly equal to that of one's Finger, but smaller and weaker at the extremity next the Placenta.—It is seldom of a cylindrical form, being marked with *Sulci* corresponding to the course of its Vessels.

It is composed of *one Vein* and *two Arteries*, which twist about each other in a spiral direction, and are covered by a smooth Coat derived from the Membranes.

The Trunks of the Vessels are inclosed in a *Gelatinous*

*Cellular Substance*, which adds to the strength and elasticity of the Cord, and allows the Blood to pass freely between the Fœtus and Placenta, without being in danger of interruption from pressure.

The *Vein* is much larger than the Arteries; it is destitute of Valves, and sends off no Branches till it reach the Fœtus.

It arises from the substance of the Placenta, and, after perforating the Umbilicus, it passes in the inferior part of the Ligamentum Suspensorium, to the under side of the Liver.

The *Arteries* arise from the Iliac Arteries of the Fœtus, perforate the Umbilicus, and run to the Placenta, in the substance of which they divide into their ultimate Branches, where the Ramifications of one Artery frequently form large Anastomoses with those of the other, and both communicate with the Branches of the Vein, in the manner Arteries and Veins do in other parts of the Body.

The *Use* of the Cord is, by means of the Vein, to convey pure Blood from the Placenta for the nourishment of the Fœtus, and, through the medium of the Arteries, to return what is not used in Nutrition, again to be mixed with the Blood of the Uterus.—By the intervention of the Cord also, the Placenta is more readily extracted.

The *Placenta*, so called from its resemblance to a broad Cake, is a spongy mass, of a round form, occupying near a fourth part of the Ovum.

It is about seven or eight inches in breadth, and upwards of one inch in thickness, but is thinner at the edges where the Membranes go off.

The external surface, or that next the Uterus, is divided into Lobules with deep Fissures, while the internal, or that next the Fœtus, forms a regular Mass, which has numerous large Branches of the Umbilical Vessels dispersed upon it.

In the Placenta are to be observed,—on the side next the Child, the Ramifications of the Umbilical Vessels forming the principal part of its substance;—on the side next the Mother, Branches of the Uterine Arteries, almost of the size of Crow-quills, passing in a convoluted manner between the Uterus and Placenta, and terminating in the latter;—Veins corresponding with these Arteries, but flat and of great size, running obliquely to the Uterus,—and, in the substance of the Placenta, an Appearance

pearance which has been supposed by many Authors to be the common Cellular Membrane, of a tender nature, and easily ruptured by injection, but which is considered by late Authors as a regular Spongy Substance, similar to that in the Body of the Penis.

The Placenta is connected to the Uterus on one side, by Blood-vessels and by the Decidua, and to the Fœtus on the other, by means of the Umbilical Cord.

The common place of attachment is near the Fundus Uteri, though it is found at different times adhering to all the other parts of the Uterus, not even the Os Tincæ excepted.

In the case of Twins, there is sometimes only one, but most frequently two distinct Placentæ, adhering together by the intervention of a Membrane in which the Vessels of the two Placentæ occasionally communicate with each other.

There are in these cases also, two distinct Apartments separated by a Partition, each Apartment containing its own Waters and Cord.

The *Use* of the Placenta is, to receive Blood from the Uterus, and, according to the opinion of modern Anatomists, to purify it, (as the Lungs do in the Adult), for the nourishment of the Fœtus.

The *Membranes* consist of the *Spongy Chorion*, the *True Chorion*, and the *Amnios*.

They form a complete but slender *Bag*, which lines the Cavity of the Uterus, and incloses the Fœtus, Umbilical Cord, and Waters.

The *Spongy Chorion* is a thick opaque substance, which adheres to the Uterus, and forms the outer Layer of the Ovum, but scarcely penetrates between the Lobules of the Placenta.

Between the Uterus and Placenta, it is less distinct than elsewhere, being perforated there, and in some degree concealed by the Blood-vessels proceeding from the inside of the Uterus.

It has a Spongy and Villous appearance, and is full of small Blood-vessels, which can be readily injected from those of the Uterus.

The *True Chorion*,—the term derived from *Chorus* a *Company*, numerous Vessels being found to exist in it in the Quadruped,—is thinner, smoother, and much denser than the former.

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It is connected with the Spongy Chorion as far as the edge of the Placenta, where it separates from it, is reflected over the Surface of the Placenta, which is opposed to the Fœtus, and is afterwards continued over the whole of the Cord.

It is uniform in its texture, has a transparent appearance, adheres to the Spongy Chorion and Surface of the Placenta, by a delicate Cellular Substance, and has no Vessels visible to the naked Eye, or which can be injected.

The *Amnios*,—so called, according to some Authors, from its supposed resemblance to a Vessel used by the Ancients for the reception of Blood in Sacrifice,—lines the Surface of the True Chorion, and, with it, is reflected from the Placenta upon the Cord, which it supplies with an external covering.

It is thinner, more dense, and transparent, than the Chorion, to which it adheres every where by a Jelly.

It is smooth and polished on the side next the Fœtus, and is destitute of Blood-vessels.

The Membranes, besides containing the Child and Waters, give origin to the latter, and, in the time of Labour, assist in opening the Orifice of the Uterus.

The *Waters*, called *Liquor Amnii*, are thinnest and clearest in the first Months, after which they acquire some degree of colour and ropiness.

The *Liquor Amnii* is chiefly composed of the Serum of the Blood. In its natural state, it has all the characters of the Liquor Pericardii, or of the Liquors exhaled from the Surfaces of other Membranes similar to the Pericardium.—It is supposed to be derived from the Exhalent Arteries of the Amnios.

It is proportionally greater in quantity in the first than in the last Months, but the proportion and quantity vary considerably in different Women, and in the same Woman in different Pregnancies.

Between the Amnios and Chorion, Water is frequently collected, but in much smaller quantity than in the Amnios, and is termed *False Water*, or *False Delivery*.—It is frequently discharged some time previous to the Birth of the Child, without any danger.

The Liquor Amnii defends the Child and Umbilical Vessels from the pressure of the Uterus, assists in distending

ing the Uterus during Gestation, and allows the Foetus a certain degree of motion.

In the time of Labour, it also assists in dilating the Mouth of the Uterus, and, by lubricating the Vagina, facilitates Delivery.

#### PECULIARITIES OF THE FOETUS.

All the Bones of the Body, excepting a few, are *soft, yielding, and imperfect*, and many of them entirely in a *state of Cartilage*.

The Head is *large* in proportion to the rest of the Body, and the Bones of the Cranium are united by *Membrane*, which allows the size of the Head to be diminished, whereby its Passage is facilitated in the time of Delivery.

Between the Frontal and Parietal Bones, is the Membrane called *Bregma*, formed by the Dura Mater and *Perricranium*, which commonly disappears before the Child is two years of age, the margins of the Bones being then united.

—*The other peculiarities of the Bones of the Foetus are taken notice of in the Description of the Bones of the Adult.*—

There is a *large proportion* of Fluids, and the Solids are generally *softer* than in the Adult.

The Skin is of a *bright red colour*, in consequence of its greater degree of Vascularity.

That part chiefly of the Cellular Membrane is *Adipose*, which is upon the Surface of the Body; scarcely any Fat being found in the interior parts, where it gradually accumulates as the person grows older.

The Brain, Spinal Marrow, and Nervous System, are proportionally *larger*, but *softer*.

The Sanguiferous System, and Glandular Organs, are *larger*.

In the Eye is the *Membrana Pupillaris*, which arises from the inner margin of the Iris, and completely covers the Pupil.

It separates the Cameræ from each other, and is very Vascular. According to BLUMENBACH, it keeps the Iris expanded, during the rapid increase of the Ball of the Eye.

The Crystalline Lens is almost *Spherical*, and has numerous *Vessels* dispersed upon its Capsule.

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The Meatus Auditorius is wholly *Cartilaginous*, and adheres by its extremity to an imperfect Bony Circle, in which the Membrana Tympani is placed.

The Meatus Externus, and Membrana Tympani, are lined by a *Mucous Membrane*, which is cast off after Birth.

The Thymus Gland, in the Fœtus, is a *large Substance*, situated in the upper part of the Thorax, between the Layers of the Anterior Mediastinum.

It lies over the Pericardium, and occupies the space where the Aorta sends off the Carotid and Subclavian Branches, and extends a short way into the fore-part of the Neck.

It has *two long Cornua* above, and *two broad Lobes* below, is of a pale-red colour, and becomes afterwards of a darker hue.

A *white serous Liquor* can frequently be squeezed from its substance; but it has no Excretory Duct; nor is the use of the Fluid, or of the Gland itself, yet ascertained.

Some Anatomists are of opinion, that the white Fluid is Chyle sent by a retrograde motion from the Thoracic Duct, and that the Thymus Gland is a Diverticulum to the Chyle, when too great a quantity of Lymph is sent to the Subclavian Vein.

In the Adult, the Thymus Gland is so completely absorbed, that scarcely any thing but Cellular Substance remains in its place.

The Blood-vessels of the Thymus are Branches of the Subclavian and Internal Mammary; the Nerves come from the Great Sympathetics and Eighth Pair.

Its Lymphatics have not yet been very accurately traced.

The Lungs are small, firm, and of a dark-red Colour, and *sink* when thrown into water, in consequence of the Bronchial Cells having not yet received Air.

But if Air be admitted to them by putrefaction or otherwise, they swim in Water, in the same manner as if Air had been conveyed to them in consequence of Respiration.

The Valve of Eustachius is *distinct* in the Fœtus, but frequently Cribiform in the Adult, is *larger* in proportion, and is supposed to direct the Blood of the Inferior Cava, immediately through the Foramen Ovale to the Left Auricle.

In the back-part of the Septum, between the Right and Left Auricles, is the *Foramen Ovale*, nearly equal in size to the Mouth of the Inferior Cava, bounded by a thick Muscular edge, termed *Annulus Foraminis Ovalis*.

Upon the left side of the Foramen Ovale, a *Membranous Valve* is placed, which allows part of the Blood of the Right Auricle to pass through the Foramen Ovale immediately to the left one, but which completely prevents its return.

The Blood going through the Foramen Ovale, assists in keeping up the balance of Circulation between the two sides of the Heart, till the Lungs be ready to receive it.

The Pulmonary Artery divides into three Branches, the right and left of which run to the Lungs, while the middle one, called *Ductus Arteriosus*, larger than both the other Branches, and its area nearly equal to that of the Foramen Ovale, passes in an oblique direction to the beginning of the descending Aorta.

The Ductus, or Canalis Arteriosus, forms nearly one half of the Aorta, carries part of the Blood of the Right Ventricle into that Artery, without allowing it to pass to the Lungs; and the Aorta, formed in this manner, receives the force of both Ventricles, by which it is more enabled to send Blood through the Umbilical Arteries to the Placenta.

The Stomach is of a *rounder* form than in the Adult, and commonly contains a small quantity of a *Gelatinous Matter*.

The Appendix Vermiformis is *larger* in proportion, and is inserted into the extremity of the Colon, which, at this time, does not project to form a proper Cæcum.

The Colon, and frequently also the end of the Ilium, are filled with a *greenish black Fæces*, of a viscid consistence, termed *Meconium*.

The Liver is *so large* as to occupy both Hypochondriac Regions.

The *Umbilical Vein* passes from the Umbilicus, in a duplicature of the Peritoneum, to the left Branch of the Vena Portæ, and carries the Blood from the Placenta to the Liver.

From the Trunk of the Umbilical Vein, where it terminates in the Liver, a Branch, called *Ductus*, or *Canalis Venosus*, runs in a somewhat waving direction, and joins

joins the Left Vena Hepatica, where that Vein enters the Cava.

The Ductus Venosus is much smaller than the Trunk of the Umbilical Vein, and carries part of the Blood of the Vein directly to the Heart, without allowing it to enter the Circulation in the Liver.

The Umbilical Vein sends Branches to the Right Lobe of the Liver, but is principally distributed through the Left Lobe; while the Right Branch of the Vena Portæ carries the Blood of the Splenic and Mesenteric Arteries to the Right Lobe of the Liver.

After Birth, the Left Lobe of the Liver, which was formerly more particularly supplied by the Umbilical Vein, receives an additional proportion of Blood from the Vena Portarum.

The reason why the Umbilical Vein goes partly to the Cava, and not entirely to the Heart, is not understood.

The Kidneys are irregular on their Surface, being formed of *Lobes*, each of which consists of a Cortical, a Medullary part, and a Papilla, and is covered by a Proper Membrane.

The Glandula Renalis is almost *as large* as the Kidney, but afterwards rather diminishes than increases in size.

The Bladder of Urine is of a *long* form, and extends almost to the Umbilicus. The greater part of it is above the Pelvis, and is more particularly covered by the Peritoneum than in the Adult.

The Urachus, which is of a *Conical form*, ascends from the bottom of the Bladder, between the Umbilical Arteries, and between the Peritoneum and Linea Alba, to the Umbilicus, and vanishes by degrees in the Umbilical Cord.

It is formed by a production of the Fundus Vesicæ, and in the Human Body is generally solid, forming a Suspensory Ligament of the Bladder.

It has been sometimes found hollow at its beginning, and has been said to be so, in one or two instances, throughout its whole length.

In the Foetal Quadruped, it is a large Tube, which transmits Urine from the Bladder to a Bag between the Amnios and Chorion, called *Allantois*.

The common Iliac Arteries divide, on each side, into a *small* External, and *large* Internal Branch.

The principal part of the Internal Iliac is occupied in forming the *Umbilical Arteries*, which mount by the sides  
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of the Bladder, on the outside of the Peritoneum, and perforate the Umbilicus in their progress to the Umbilical Cord.

Soon after Delivery, the Foramen Ovale, Ductus Arteriosus, and Venosus, with the Umbilical Vein and Arteries, begin to contract, and are, in general, completely closed, and the Vessels shrivelled into Ligaments within a year after Birth.

This obliteration is produced by a contractile power in the parts, by a pressure in the surrounding Viscera, and by the Blood being directed through other channels.

The Pelvis of the Fœtus is commonly so *small*, that the principal parts of its Viscera are contained in the open Cavity of the Abdomen.

The Prepuce of the Clitoris is proportionally so much *larger* in a young Fœtus than it is afterwards, that, in an Abortion, a Female Fœtus has been frequently mistaken for a Male.

The Testes are lodged during the greater part of Gestation, in the Cavity of the Abdomen, over the Psoæ Muscles, and a little below the Kidneys.

They then constitute a part of the Abdominal Viscera, and, in a similar manner with them, are connected to the Body by a production of the Peritoneum, which forms their Tunica Albuginea.

Between the Testicle and Scrotum, a Fibrous and Vascular Substance, of a Conical form, is extended,—called by MR HUNTER, *Gubernaculum*, or *Ligamentum Testis*, which he considers as a principal agent in directing the course of the Testicle, and in making way for it in its descent.

About the eighth Month of Pregnancy, the Testis, by means not yet completely ascertained, passes gradually along to the Scrotum, a Process of the Peritoneum preceding it, which afterwards forms its Vaginal Coat.

The Testis, through the whole of its course, continues to be covered by the Peritoneum, is connected to the parts on which it rests, and has its Vessels passing to it from behind forwards, the same as when situated in the Abdomen.

While the Testicle is passing through the Ring of the Abdominal Muscle, the Ligamentum Testis is found to be in some measure inverted, and to form the under and fore-part of the Vaginal Coat, on which the Cremaster Muscle is expanded.

After the descent of the Testicle, the Peritoneal Process, which descends along with it, begins to contract at the Ring, and a firm adhesion of its sides, to within a little distance of the Testicle, is commonly found to be produced by the time of Birth.

#### POSITION OF THE FŒTUS.

In the first Months, the Embryo swims in the Liquor Amnii, free from the pressure of the surrounding parts;—and from many dissections and observations made by the latest Anatomists, it is ascertained,—that the Head preponderates, and in general continues undermost till the Child is delivered.

Formerly it was supposed, that the Embryo, in the first Months, was situated with the Head uppermost, and that, in the latter Months, the attitude of the Fœtus was inverted.

The Fœtus is observed to be coiled up into as round a figure as possible, so as to be properly adapted to the Cavity of the Uterus.

The Head is bent towards the Thorax, and the Arms are folded:—The Knees are drawn towards the Abdomen, and the Heels towards the Nates.

The Spine is bent into an Arch, and one side of the Body of the Fœtus is frequently turned forwards.

The Head is placed diagonally, with its long Diameter corresponding to that of the Pelvis, and the Occiput opposed to the Os Tincæ.

#### CIRCULATION OF THE BLOOD IN THE FŒTUS.

The Blood is sent by the Arteries of the Uterus to the Substance of the Placenta, from which, according to most of the ancient Anatomists, it passes to the Umbilical Vein by a direct communication of Branches; or, according to the opinion of the greater part of modern Anatomists,—by Absorption.

By the Umbilical Vein, it goes principally to be circulated in the Liver, and by the Ductus Venosus, a small portion of it goes to the Right Auricle of the Heart.

The Blood sent from the Inferior Cava is transmitted by the Foramen Ovale to the Left Auricle, and that sent by

by the Superior Cava is transmitted to the Right Auricle and Ventricle, and from thence to the Pulmonary Artery.

From the Pulmonary Artery, one portion of it passes through the Circulation of the Lungs, and another goes by the Ductus Arteriosus to the Aorta Descendens.

From the Lungs it is returned by the Pulmonary Veins to the Left Auricle, where it mixes with that coming from the Right Auricle by the Foramen Ovale, and is sent by the Aorta to the different parts of the Body.

From the Iliac Arteries, it is conveyed by the Umbilical Branches to the Substance of the Placenta, where one portion of it returns by corresponding Veins to the Fœtus, the rest going to the Uterus in the manner it was discharged from the Uterine Arteries to the Branches of the Umbilical Vein.

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